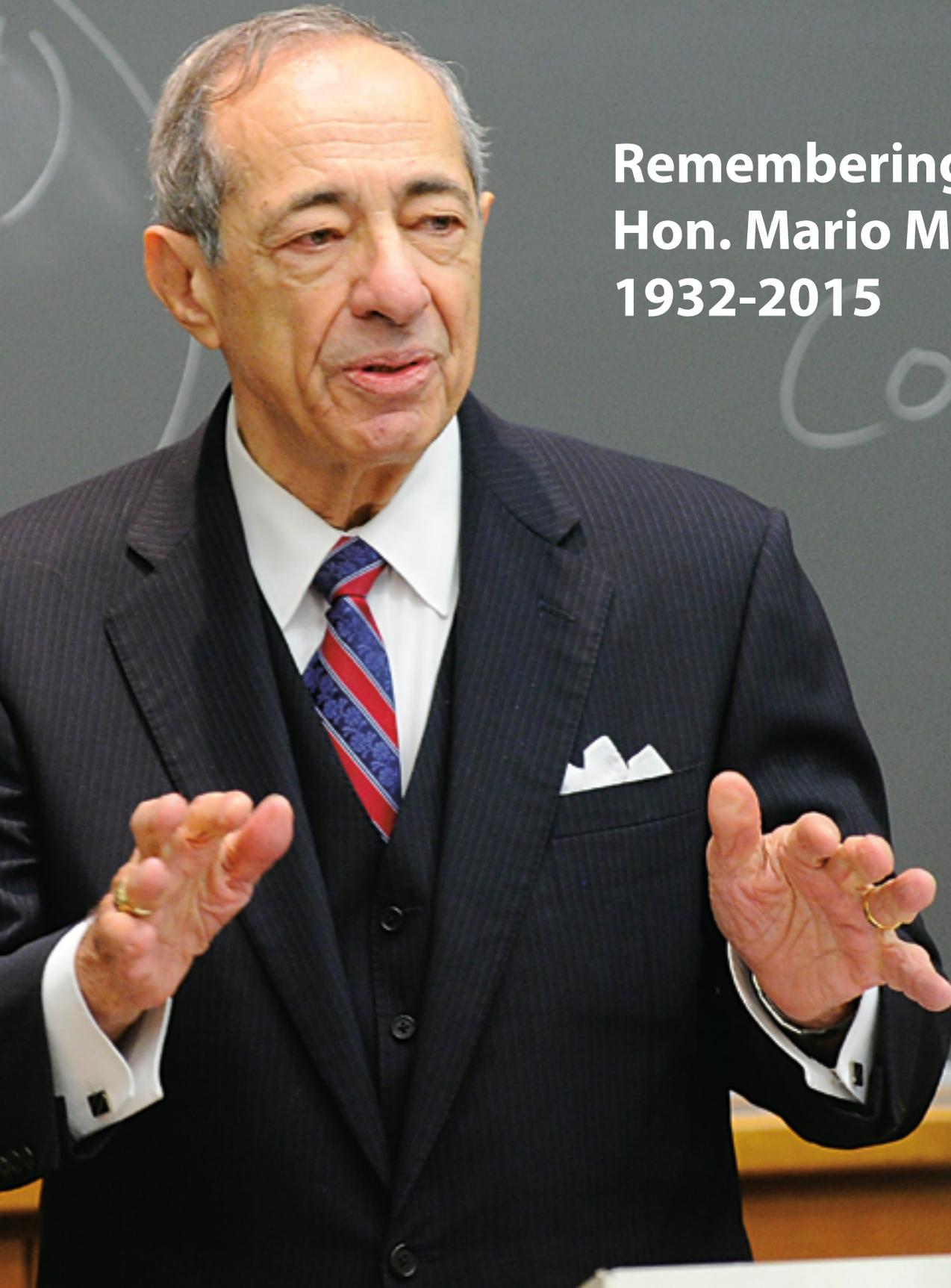


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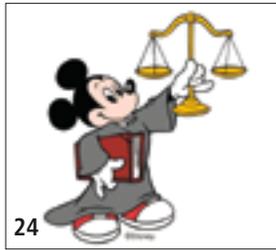
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**Thank you.**



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This was a record-setting, bone-chilling winter for those of us in the Northeast—one that seemed to aptly reflect the harsh climate confronting law schools all across the country. And yet, the future has never been brighter at St. John's Law. We've confronted the challenges facing legal education and emerged as a law school on the rise.

In this issue, we remember and celebrate the singular life and career of a man who exemplified all that's best in our civic leaders and in our alumni family: Former New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo '53C, '56L, '75HON (p. 20). We also take pride in alumni who are helping to guide one of the world's most iconic brands (p. 24), who are making their mark at the forefront of the new experience economy (p. 39), and who are excelling as top courtroom lawyers (p. 35) and hardworking in-house counsel (p. 29).

You'll read about the ongoing, exceptional work of our centers (pp. 4, 18), our clinics (pp. 4, 36), and our global programs (pp. 4, 14). And we share our many student successes (p. 7), along with the story of evening program classmates who, as two of New York's bravest and finest, bring honor to St. John's Law (p. 40).

These stories reflect a positive momentum that's palpable when you visit the Law School or attend one of our many alumni events (p. 26). Student credentials are up. Bar passage is up. Career placement is up. And alumni giving is at an all-time high. Given these success measures, it's not surprising that St. John's jumped 25 spots to #82 in the latest *U.S. News* rankings. As the *National Law Journal* reported, this was the biggest rankings increase of the year.

Behind these notable gains is a bold new strategic plan that will strengthen St. John's Law for years to come. Much of our success is due to our strong and loyal alumni family. Over the past two years, you've given \$9 million in new endowed scholarship commitments. And I'm happy to report that we're on track to raise even more this year.

As I look back on my first five years as dean and look ahead to the Law School's future under our new strategic plan (p. 13), I'm confident that St. John's Law will continue to thrive. All of these stories and achievements are yours, too. Thank you for all you do for *alma mater*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

**Michael A. Simons**  
Dean and John V. Brennan  
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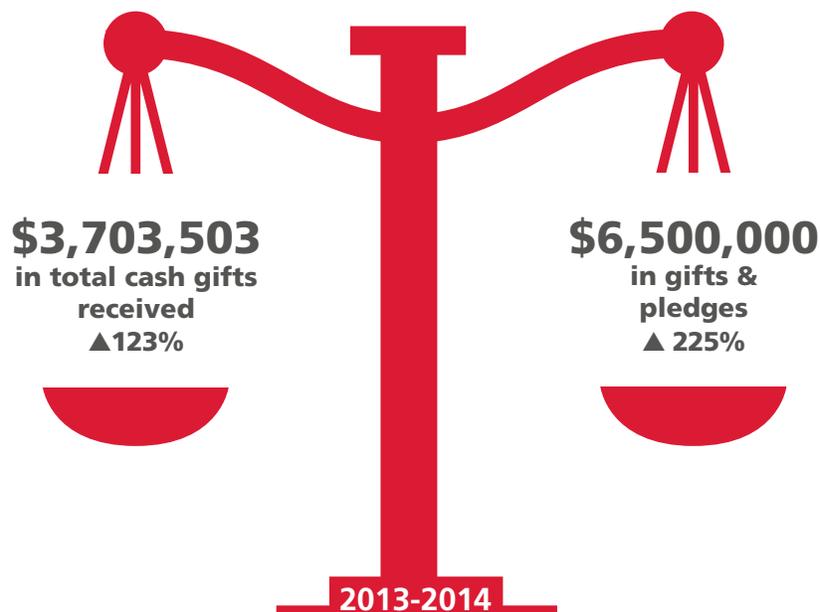
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## Intellectual Property Law Center Launches

Fall 2014 marked the official launch of the St. John’s Intellectual Property Law Center (IPLC). Directed by Professor Jeremy Sheff, IPLC is a forum for research, education, professional development, and service addressing the legal and policy issues of the knowledge economy. Along with its core full-time faculty, the IPLC draws an adjunct faculty from the top ranks of New York City IP practice to offer St. John’s Law students a robust curriculum anchored in the fundamentals of IP Law and enriched by courses focusing on particular industries. In November, the center hosted its inaugural conference that brought students, faculty, and leading experts together to discuss the legal implications of intelligent machines. IPLC was made possible through the generosity of Shephard Lane ’66, William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. ’77SVC, ’80L, Robert J. Gunther, Jr. ’81C, ’84L, and Daniel A. DeVito ’87, who together gave \$1.1 million towards this ambitious project. They will continue their affiliation with the center as founding members of its advisory board.



## Professor Mark L. Movsesian Explores Crisis Facing Mideast Christians

“We are witnessing one of the great human rights catastrophes in history—a genocide. Yet the outside world has done relatively little in response.” This sobering news was shared by Professor Mark L. Movsesian, director of the Law School’s Center for Law and Religion, during a talk he gave in September on “Religious Freedom for Mideast Christians: Yesterday and Today.” The event—which drew several hundred people—was sponsored by the Lanier Theological Library in Houston, a major center for the study of the Bible and Church history. Reflecting on the plight of Christian communities blighted by widespread religious and social intolerance, Professor Movsesian addressed the history of Christians in the Middle East and the terrorist and other

threats they face today. He revisited the topic at a November event that brought alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the Law School together at St. John’s new Manhattan campus to learn about this centuries-old problem that, over time, has compelled millions to flee their homes, renounce their faith, or face death.



## St. John’s Hosts 2014 Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon

In October, the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) hosted the sixth annual Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon at St. John’s Manhattan campus. The competition tests students in each of the three main ADR processes—negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. Students take on the roles of

advocacy lawyers, settlement counsel, and clients in a securities dispute. At the outset they try to negotiate a resolution, then they represent their clients in mediation, and finally they proceed to arbitration before a three-person panel. Professional neutrals from FINRA’s roster serve as mediators, arbitrators, and judges. “Our collaboration with FINRA helps students to grasp the nuances of settlement modalities and to experiment with different advocacy styles in simulated, real world contexts,” said Elayne E. Greenberg, assistant dean for dispute resolution programs, professor of legal practice, director of the Carey Center, and creator of the Triathlon.

## Educators Come Together for Milestone National Bar Association Symposium

The Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development teamed with the University of Houston Law Center in October to host a one-day regional event marking the 25th anniversary of the National Bar Association’s Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium. Established in 1989 as a tribute to Wiley A. Branton, a stalwart in the Civil Rights arena, the symposium examined



pressing social, legal, and political issues that shape the national landscape and public debate. On this milestone occasion, leading experts and scholars in the field gathered at St. John's Law to discuss the timely topic of "Education: The New Civil Right." The esteemed panelists included Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw, Ph.D. president of St. John's University. One of the lead event organizers was Leonard M. Baynes, the inaugural director of the RHB Center who left St. John's recently to become dean and professor of law at the University of Houston Law Center. He worked closely with Professors Elaine M. Chiu and Rosa Castello '06, the RHB Center's new director and associate director, respectively.



### Event Examines New Era of SEC Enforcement

As the Securities and Exchange Commission marks its 80th anniversary, its enforcement agenda has never been more challenging. The markets it regulates grow more complex by the day. Alongside its traditional focus on insider trading and accounting fraud, the SEC must grapple with new financial instruments, high frequency trading, and the complexities of global investigations that cut across traditional regulatory boundaries. As it increasingly uses big data, sophisticated analytics, and whistleblowers to root out wrongdoing, the agency's critics continue to carp about how it tries and settles cases in this post-financial crisis era. In October, the *St. John's Law Review* and the Corporate and Securities Law Society co-hosted a breakfast talk on these points and on other hot topics related to the SEC's enforcement efforts. Moderated by Michael Perino, the Law School's Dean George W. Matheson Professor of Law, the



### St. John's Law Expands Global Reach with New Strategic Alliances

As legal education and the business landscape in China continue to expand, St. John's Law has taken steps to forge strategic alliances with some of the country's premier law schools. These partnerships build on a foundation of global offerings at the Law School that include three LL.M. programs, international

practica, study abroad, the Center for International and Comparative Law, and the student-run *Journal of International and Comparative Law*, among other programs and initiatives. They also reflect the larger mission of St. John's University to forge strategic global relationships, to enrich the educational experience, and to prepare students for success in today's global economy. With this vision and mission, Jeffrey K. Walker—assistant dean for transnational programs—traveled to China in the fall to sign cooperation agreements with several of the country's most respected law schools on behalf of St. John's Law. Dean Walker returned to China in March, this time with Dean Michael A. Simons, to finalize cooperation agreements with a dozen Chinese law schools.

conversation featured SEC Enforcement Division Director Andrew J. Ceresney and Robert E. Rice '87, chief counsel to SEC Chair Mary Jo White.

### Clinic Students Participate in National Conversation on Consumer Protection

With the recent home foreclosure crisis came a surge in consumer complaints against mortgage servicers, and a responsive call to protect consumers from predatory lenders. Students in the Law School's in-house Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic are working on the front line of a national consumer protection effort led by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In December, the clinic's student advocates and professors had a unique opportunity to discuss their work during a conference call with CFPB Director Richard Cordray. The call brought together 30 law school clinics from across the country as part of the watchdog agency's broader initiative to identify and team with collaborators in fulfilling its mission.

### St. John's Law Ranks Fourth in State for New York Bar Exam Passage

St. John's Law continues to make strides in preparing students to pass the New York Bar Exam. Ranking fourth overall in the state for the July 2014 test—just behind New York University, Columbia, and Cornell—St. John's is seeing the



benefits of a new strategic approach that includes a revamped curriculum and a new Applied Legal Analysis course that provides targeted assistance to students most in need of help on the bar. This marked the third consecutive year that the Law School surpassed the statewide bar pass average, and with each year that achievement gap has widened in St. John's favor.



**St. John’s Law and American Bankruptcy Institute Hold Annual Bankruptcy Mediation Training**

The Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution, a leader in the ADR field, and the American Bankruptcy Institute, the nation’s leading provider of quality bankruptcy educational programs, held their annual 40-hour bankruptcy mediation training recently at St. John’s Manhattan campus. A diverse group of 30 bankruptcy judges, lawyers, financial professionals, and practicing mediators from around the country participated in the program to apply their bankruptcy expertise and to learn more about the practice and process of bankruptcy mediation. A



distinguished advisory board of nationally respected bankruptcy jurists, practitioners, and mediators worked with Elayne E. Greenberg, assistant dean for dispute resolution programs, professor of legal practice, and director of the Carey Center, to create a program that emphasized the particular skills that are requisites for bankruptcy mediators. Utilizing lectures, exercises, and simulations focusing solely on bankruptcy conflicts, the training covered both the core skills essential for all good mediators

and the specialized bankruptcy issues inherent in Chapter 7, 9, 11, and 13 mediations.

**Students and Faculty Come Together to Discuss Race, Justice, and Law**

The deaths of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Wenjian Liu, and Rafael Ramos have brought issues of race and the law to global attention and national debate. As members of a profession committed to defining, examining, and upholding justice, lawyers are among those taking the lead in exploring these critical issues. “We have a role to play in this healing, and we can do that best when we talk to each other, when we listen to each other, when we see each other,” Dean Michael A. Simons said in welcoming over 130 participants to a student-faculty dialogue on race, justice, and the law in January. The community dialogue was hosted by the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development with the help of student leaders. After gathering for introductory remarks in the Belson Moot Court Room, the participants broke into small groups for conversations facilitated by faculty and students. “Sometimes,



to move forward and to bring about change, we need to confront the uncomfortable,” said Leah Winfield ‘17, who helped organize the program.

**St. John’s Assumes Full Leadership of Sports Law LL.M.**

The Law School is pleased to announce that the LL.M. in International and Comparative Sports Law



program will re-launch for the 2015-2016 academic year as the LL.M. in International Sports Law Practice Program. With this change, the program—formerly a joint venture—will be under the sole leadership of St. John’s Law. It will offer a unique course of advanced study for US and foreign-trained attorneys who have a passion for sports and a strong desire to practice in this rewarding niche area. Taught by lawyers, agents, and managers with a depth of experience and expertise, the one-year program gives students access to top sports law talent and to a wide range of semester-long practice placements across the globe. For more information about the program, please visit [stjohns.edu/law/llm/islp](http://stjohns.edu/law/llm/islp) or contact the program directors at [sportslaw@stjohns.edu](mailto:sportslaw@stjohns.edu).



**New Intersession Courses Help Students Build Practical Skills**

In early January, while many of their peers at other law schools were still on break, St. John’s Law students were hard at work honing their writing, dispute resolution, trial advocacy, drafting, and other practical skills through a new suite of intersession courses. Designed by the Law School faculty in response to the challenges and opportunities of the new legal marketplace, the intersession courses are offered at no additional cost in the week or two before the spring semester begins. “Using the intersession format, we’re giving students the skills-based education they’ll need in their careers,” said Associate Academic Dean Larry Cunningham. “At the same time, our curriculum remains grounded in the fundamentals of the law taught in classes like contracts, tax, evidence, trusts and estates, and criminal procedure. Together, this balance of tradition and innovation will prepare our students well for the profession.” Among the new intersession offerings is a required one-week Lawyering class for 1Ls that focuses on negotiation skills and the companion skills of interviewing clients and drafting agreements—core competencies for lawyers.

St. John's Law students excel in a range of writing and team competitions, and receive scholarships and awards in recognition of their outstanding achievements.



**TEAM COMPETITIONS**

Winner, Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition

Winner, Pace Law School Round Robin Mock Trial Competition

National Finalist, Regional Champion, Best Oralist Lawson Huynh '16, Second Best Oralist Kristin Lee '15, Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition

Regional Champion, TYLA National Trial Competition

Regional Finalist, National Moot Court Competition

Semi-Finalist, National Baseball Arbitration Competition

Semi-Finalist, Charleston School of Law National Moot Court Competition

Quarter-Finalist, Leroy R. Hassell Sr. National Constitutional Law

Moot Court Competition

Third Best Brief, Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition

Best Interaction With the Mediator Award, ICC Mediation Competition

**WRITING COMPETITIONS**

**Melissa A. Brown '17**, third place brief, Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition

**Anthony J. Holesworth '16** "Student-Athletes or Athlete-Students? The Slippery Slope Presented by College Athletes as Employees," first place, NYSBA Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth D. Stein Memorial Writing Competition

**Samantha Kimmel '15**

"Reading Between the Lines: Unilateral Changes to Terms and Conditions of Employment in Collective Bargaining Agreements," third place, NYSBA Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth D. Stein Memorial Writing Competition

**Michael J. Molina '14**

"Banning Franken-Crops: Should the United States Impose a Temporary Moratorium on Genetically Modified Organisms in the Wake of Peru's 10-Year Moratorium?" first place (tied), 2014 NYSBA Professor William R. Ginsberg Memorial Essay Contest

**Danielle O'Boyle '15**

"The Concerns of Secrecy and Non-Release in Multi-



**St. John's Law Sweeps NYSBA Labor and Employment Law Competitions**

St. John's Law students took top honors in two student competitions sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section.

**Anthony J. Holesworth '16** won the Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth D. Stein Memorial Writing Competition for his paper, "Student-Athletes or Athlete-Students? The Slippery Slope Presented by College Athletes as Employees." Second place in the Stein competition went to **Cynthia Vella '16** for her paper, "Student Athletes and the Public



Sector: The NLRB's Northwestern Decision and the Potential Effects on Public Universities." Completing the Stein competition prize sweep was **Samantha Kimmel '15**, who took third for her paper, "Reading Between the

Lines: Unilateral Changes to Terms and Conditions of Employment in Collective Bargaining Agreements."

NYSBA honors also went to **Sarah Mannix '15**, who came in third for the Samuel M. Kaynard Memorial Student Service Award, which recognizes excellence among law students in the area of labor and employment law.

In the past three years alone, St. John's Law students have won six Stein competition prizes and four Kaynard awards. Their successes are a testament to the strength of St. John's labor and employment law program.



Effects on Public Universities," second place, NYSBA Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth D. Stein Memorial Writing Competition

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

**Marilyn Anderson '16**  
Catholic Lawyers of Queens County Scholarship

**Samantha Kimmel '15** Louis E. O'Neil Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

**Sharly Larios '15** Dominican Bar Association Scholarship

**Sarah Mannix '15**  
Coca-Cola Refreshments Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law; third place, NYSBA Samuel M. Kaynard Memorial Student Service Award

**Josephine McGrath '15**  
John Boyd Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

**Christina Nguyen '16**  
Catholic Lawyers of Queens County Scholarship

**Sally Profeta '16**  
*Ms. JD* Public Interest Scholarship

**Andrew Rosati '15** Dorothy Day Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

**Eugene Ubawike, Jr. '15**  
Anthony L. Pedretti Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law; Jackson Lewis Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law in Memory of Alan C. Becker

**Robert W. Vogel '16**  
Dorothy Day Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

**Quinn Wetherall '16**  
Monsignor Thomas J. Darby Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

**Meng Xu '16** New York Intellectual Property Law Association's Hon. Giles S. Rich Diversity Scholarship

Defendant Settlement Agreements," third place, IADC Legal Writing Contest

**Christina Piccora '15** "Targeting the Vulnerable: Prison Sexual Assault—Our Constitutional and Moral Duty to Protect Prisoners From This Cruel and Unusual Punishment," first place, JCRED Best Notes Writing Competition

**Omar Subat '15** "Who Has Standing? Why the Supreme Court's Holding in *Hollingsworth v. Perry* Empowers Politicians at the Expense of Citizens," second place, JCRED Best Notes Writing Competition

**Cynthia Vella '16** "Student Athletes and the Public Sector: The NLRB's Northwestern Decision and the Potential



**2014-2015 International Honors Program Scholars**

**Elizabeth Tippet '16**

**Katharine Suominen '16**

**Ashlee Aguiar '16**

**Matthew Freeze '17**

**Christina Vlahos '17**



**2014-2015 Intellectual Property Honors Program Scholars**

**Amanda Hoffman '17**

**Olivia Cheung '17**

**Alyssa D'Antonio '17**



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# Law School Welcomes New Deans

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L-R: Alexis Martinez, Susan Landrum, Marc O. DeGirolami and Nancy Brady

In the last year, St. John's Law has designed and implemented a bold new strategic plan to strengthen the school. Anchoring the plan are the dual goals of academic excellence and student success. And among the proactive and practical steps being taken to meet these goals is hiring administrators who dedicate their work to helping students thrive at St. John's and succeed as they enter the profession.

In November, **Alexis Martinez** joined the Law School as assistant dean for students. In her previous position as assistant dean for student affairs at Elon Law School in North Carolina, she handled academic matters, discipline, orientation, disability services, financial advising, and student organizations and activities. Among other initiatives, Dean Martinez led the creation of Elon's *pro bono* program as well as its Leadership Fellowship Program. Before working at Elon, she was director of student life at Syracuse Law. She is a triple alumna of University of Miami, where she earned a B.B.A., J.D., and M.S. in Education.

This semester, St. John's Law welcomes **Susan Landrum, Ph.D.** as its new assistant dean for academic achievement. Formerly the director of the Office of Academic Achievement at Savannah Law School, she has taught a variety of academic support-related courses

in addition to working one-on-one with students. She is the author of the Academic Success Blog, a resource on academic support read by law school administrators and students across the globe. Prior to joining Savannah Law School, a branch campus of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, Dean Landrum was a staff attorney for the Eleventh Circuit and practiced law with a boutique litigation firm in Ohio. She holds both a J.D. and a Ph.D. in History from Ohio State. Her B.A. is from University of South Carolina.

Joining Deans Landrum and Martinez in new key administrative positions are Professor **Marc O. DeGirolami**, the Law School's new associate dean for faculty scholarship, and **Nancy Brady**, who has been promoted to assistant dean for administrative services after serving for many years as the Law School's director of special services.

"I'm delighted to welcome these outstanding individuals to their new leadership roles," says Dean Michael A. Simons. "This marks an important moment for St. John's Law. Under our new strategic plan, we're realigning resources to focus on our priority of serving our students well. And we're already seeing the benefits—bar performance, student credentials, employment rates, and alumni giving are all on the rise, and we look forward to continuing this positive momentum."



Professor **Vincent Alexander's** annual update for his co-authored treatise, *Evidence in New York*

*State and Federal Court*, was published in November 2014, and his annual Practice Commentaries on New York's Civil Practice Law and Rules (*McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York*) were published in December. In the fall, he also delivered CLE lectures on evidence for the New York State judiciary, for the New York City Civil Court judges, and for all newly elected New York judges.



In May, Professor **John Q. Barrett** spoke at the US District Court for the Southern District of New

York's commemoration of Hon. Lawrence Walsh. Later that month, he delivered the 32nd annual Jewish Law Day lecture in Philadelphia. In July, he gave a lecture in Courtroom 600 in the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg, Germany, and he lectured in Creighton University's law program in Nuremberg. That same month Professor Barrett introduced Yale University professor Akhil Amar's Jackson Lecture at Chautauqua Institution (available on YouTube). In early October, he lectured at the Federal Bar Association's EDNY chapter, reviewing US Supreme Court decisions from last term. A similar lecture he gave at the New York State Judicial Institute was broadcast to judges across New York State. He also spoke at a Monroe County Bar Association program about Justice Jackson, and was a panelist—discussing the US Supreme Court, FDR,

and Congress—at the Federal Bar Council's retreat. In late October, Professor Barrett spoke at the Sid Jacobson JCC about the Nuremberg trials and, in early November, he lectured at a Brandeis Association/Queens Women's Bar Association *Kristallnacht* commemoration. Later in November, he delivered a lecture on "The Rule of Law at Nuremberg, 1945-1946 (and Its Lessons for Today)" at the Canadian National Judicial Institute's Nova Scotia Courts Seminar. And, in December, he lectured on "Justice Jackson, the IMT & OMGUS: Delivering 'assistance of Counsel' to the Nuremberg Defendants" at Philipps Universitat in Marburg, Germany. He also spoke at the Columbia University Seminar on the Problem of Peace, discussing the International Criminal Court.



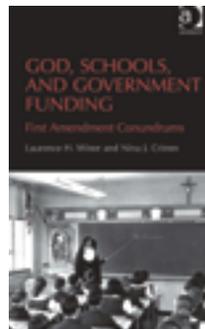
Professor **Jennifer Baum** co-authored an article with children's attorney Sarah Fox on

"Social Media: Children's Lawyer's Friend and Foe." The piece, which appears in the ABA's Children's Rights Litigation Committee winter newsletter, describes the uses and misuses of social media by court-involved children, youth, and families, and provides tips on maximizing the value—and minimizing the harm—that social media can have in litigation.



As part of a multi-year, collaborative effort to update the iconic book *Best Practices for Legal Education*,

Professor **Robin A. Boyle** co-authored a chapter on



## Professor Nina J. Crimm Publishes *God, Schools, and Government Funding: First Amendment Conundrums*

St. John's Law is pleased to announce the publication of *God, Schools, and Government Funding: First Amendment Conundrums*, the latest book by

Professor **Nina J. Crimm** and co-author Professor Laurence H. Winer of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. The authors clearly elucidate the complex and controversial policy, legal, and constitutional issues involved in using tax expenditures—mechanisms such as exclusions, deductions, and credits that economically function as government subsidies—to finance private, religious schooling. They argue that legislatures must take great care in structuring such programs and set forth various proposals to ameliorate the highly troubling dissent and divisiveness generated by state aid for religious education.

"Teaching Intercultural Effectiveness." The manuscript has been submitted to a publisher with the working title *Building Best Practices: Transforming Legal Education in a Changing World*. She served on the program committee for the Section on Academic Support in preparation for the AALS Annual Meeting in January. And she currently serves on the planning committee for the Fifth Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, which will be held at Syracuse University College of Law in May. She will also chair the program committee for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research.



In October, Professor **Edward D. Cavanagh** spoke before the

Law and Economics Society at Columbia Law School on "Current Developments in Antitrust." That same month he spoke before the New York State Bar Association Antitrust Section on the "Rule of Reason in Antitrust Cases."



Professor **Marc O. DeGirolami's** article, "Constitutional Contraction: Religion and

the Roberts Court," will be published in the *Stanford Law & Policy Review*. He is currently at work on a new article, "Free Exercise by Moonlight," a book chapter on the Establishment Clause, and a book project on the history of the division in Anglo-American law between the legal academy and the judiciary.



Professor **Francis J. Facciolo's** latest article, "Do I Have a Bridge for You: Fiduciary Duties and Financial Advice,"

appears in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law*. The article explores the debate over fiduciary standards for financial advice, which has involved the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Labor, and the financial advice industry. Asserting that the focus on fiduciary duties is misplaced due to problems with fiduciary law and practical enforcement issues, it argues for a substantive, rather than a procedural, approach to the problem.



Professor **David L. Gregory's** case book, *Modern Labor Law in the Public and Private Sectors*, was

published by LexisNexis. And his recent articles assessing the National Labor Relations Board during the Obama administration, co-authored with Amanda Jaret '13 and Ian Hayes '13, have been published in the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* and the *Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal*. In April, he will moderate panels on labor relations in religiously affiliated colleges at the City University of New York's annual conference on collective bargaining in higher education and at Syracuse University. He is also writing the chapter on labor and employment law for a forthcoming book, *Catholic Perspectives on Law*. He appeared on NBC News and was quoted in a recent *New York Times* story about domestic violence in professional sports.



"Status and Contract in an Emerging Democracy: The Evolution of Dispute Resolution

in Ghana," by Professor **Paul F. Kirgis**, was published in the *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Professor Kirgis presented "Whimsy Little Contracts' with Unexpected Consequences: An Empirical Analysis of Consumer Understanding of Arbitration Agreements"—co-authored with St. John's Law Professors Jeff Sovern and Elayne Greenberg and Yuxian Liu of St. John's University—at the AALS Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution's Work-in-Progress Conference at Southwestern Law School. He also commented on the film *Lost in the Fine Print*, about mandatory consumer and employment arbitration, at the Alliance for Justice Reception at the AALS Annual Meeting.



Professor **Anita Krishnakumar's** article, "Longstanding Agency Interpretations,"

will be published this month in the *Fordham Law Review*. She recently presented another article, "Dueling Canons," at a colloquium on statutory interpretation at Duke Law School. She is also scheduled to present "Dueling Canons" later this month at a Seton Hall Law School faculty workshop.



Professor **Christine Lazaro's** article, "The Fragmented Regulation of Investment Advice: A Call for Harmonization," co-authored with Benjamin P. Edwards

of Michigan State University College of Law, will be published in the *Michigan Business & Entrepreneurial Law Review* this spring. The article examines the different systems of oversight governing retail investment advice about securities and insurance. It argues that an Investment Advice Act focused on harmonizing standards for investment advice is the best solution to address the shortcomings of the existing regulatory systems.



In July, Professor **Rosemary C. Salomone** presented a paper on "Making

New Citizens: Transatlantic Perspectives on Language, Belonging, and Immigrant Schooling," at the 23rd World Congress of Political Science in Montreal. Her article, "The Rise of Global English: Challenges for English-Medium Instruction and Language Rights" will appear in the forthcoming issue of *Language Problems and Language Planning*. And her commentary in response to the recent terrorists attacks in France, "Why English Is Not Enough," appeared in the January 30, 2015 global edition of *University World News*.



### Professor Paul F. Kirgis Named New Dean of University of Montana School of Law

The University of Montana School of Law has announced that Professor **Paul F. Kirgis** will be its new dean. He was selected after an extensive, nationwide search. As reported in the *Missoulian*, in making the announcement, UM Provost Perry Brown said, "Professor Kirgis impressed a wide variety of groups across campus and, importantly, the Montana bench and bar during the search and his two visits to Missoula," and added, "I am confident he will successfully lead the University of Montana School of Law into the future."



## St. John's Study and Related Article Test Assumptions About Consumer Understanding of Arbitration

Professors **Jeff Sovern**, **Elayne E. Greenberg**, and **Paul F. Kirgis**—in conjunction with the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution and in collaboration with **Yuxiang Liu** of St. John's University—were awarded a grant from the American Association for Justice Robert L. Habush Endowment to study the extent to which consumers are aware of, and understand, the effect of arbitration clauses in credit card agreements. Using an online survey, they tested the widespread assumption that consumers unwittingly agree to arbitration provisions. As reported in the article “‘Whimsy Little Contracts’ with Unexpected Consequences: An Empirical Analysis of Consumer Understanding of Arbitration Agreements,” the survey results suggest a profound lack of understanding about the existence and effect of arbitration agreements among consumers. The article will be published in the *Maryland Law Review* later this year.



Professor **Keith Sharfman** has been promoted from associate director of bankruptcy studies to director, effective for the 2015-2016 academic year. He will continue to work with Professor G. Ray Warner and Director of Bankruptcy Programs Yvette Gutierrez to maintain the program's quality and reputation for excellence. He will also continue to serve as faculty advisor to the *ABI Law Review*, which this past fall hosted another successful symposium on “Bankruptcy and Education” that brought together national leaders on an important and timely subject.



Professor **Jeremy Sheff** has been elected to the board of AALS Intellectual Property Law Section. AALS is a nonprofit association of 178 law schools, and serves as the learned society for the more than 9,000 law faculty at its member schools. Professor Sheff is also the director of the St. John's Intellectual Property Law Center, which launched this fall at the Law School and online at [stjohnslawiplc.org](http://stjohnslawiplc.org).



In October, Professor **Eva E. Subotnik** joined Professor Molly Van Houweling of UC Berkeley Law School and Professor Daniel Gervais of Vanderbilt Law School for a symposium panel discussion on authors and performers held at Columbia Law School. Her contribution, “Copyright Policy and the Problem of Generalizing,” forthcoming in the *Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts*, addresses the difficulties in generalizing about aspects of the copyright system that work—

and do not work—for individual professional authors, artists, and performers. Professor Subotnik argues that a one-size-fits-all approach to copyright does not serve the cause of these creative professionals, and calls for legal initiatives that would assist in differentiating among categories of authors and copyright owners.



Professor **Jacob L. Todres'** article, “Bad Tax Shelters—Accountability Or The Lack Thereof: Ten Years of Tax Malpractice,” was published in the *Baylor Law Review*. The article examines the malpractice liability incurred by the lawyers and accountants who sold the invalid tax shelters of the late 1990s and early 2000s. It also reviews developments of the last decade in the tax malpractice area.



“Trade Secret Fair Use,” by Professor **Deepa Varadarajan**, has been published in the *Fordham Law Review*. The article considers how trade secret law should balance owners' interests in protecting confidential information against the public's interest in promoting access and innovation.



Professor **G. Ray Warner** served as course leader for the INSOL Global Insolvency Practice Course at the University of London in November. The course credentials practitioners in international insolvency. In December, he served as a delegate of the International Insolvency Institute to the UNCITRAL Working Group VI meeting in Vienna, Austria, drafting a model law of personal property secured transactions.

# Q&A

with



## Dean Michael A. Simons

In 2014, **Michael A. Simons** completed his fifth year as dean of the Law School. Backed by the faculty's vote of approval, he now continues in this top leadership role. Here Dean Simons sits down with Associate Academic Dean **Larry Cunningham** to reflect on the past five years, and to consider what lies ahead for a St. John's Law that's steadily on the rise.

### LC: What has been your proudest accomplishment as dean?

**MAS:** The six years that I've been dean have been a period of tremendous change—in legal education in general, and at St. John's in particular. As the number of applicants nationwide has shrunk, law schools have been faced with a choice: quantity or quality. Schools must either maintain class sizes by digging deeper into the applicant pool, or maintain quality and reduce

class size accordingly. I'm enormously proud that we've chosen quality over quantity. But I can't take the credit for that choice. It was a collective decision, just as all of our successes have been collective. Whether it's our stellar bar exam performance, rising employment outcomes, or record alumni giving, our accomplishments really have been a team effort.

### LC: You mentioned that alumni giving is at record levels. What do you attribute this to?

**MAS:** About two years ago, I hired Brian Woods to head our Office of Development and Alumni Relations, and he and his staff—led by Claire McKeever '80SVC, '93L on the Alumni Relations side—have worked tirelessly to engage our alumni community in the life of the Law School. Our alumni have always been loyal to *alma mater*, and now they're also being extraordinarily generous. The Brennan Family Scholarship Matching Program is just one example of how our alumni have come together to support our students and to ensure that St. John's Law continues to thrive.

### LC: You still teach a lot. This year, you taught nearly the entire 1L class either Criminal Law or Introduction to Law. Many deans don't teach at all. Why do you continue to?

**MAS:** On a very practical level, teaching keeps me connected with our students. More importantly, though, teaching our students how to succeed in the profession is our core mission. As a leader, I think it's important that I'm directly involved in the shared enterprise of St. John's Law. And, I just love teaching.

### LC: What has surprised you the most about being dean?

**MAS:** One of the happiest surprises has been the tremendous opportunity for professional growth. When I became dean, I didn't realize what a significant career change it would be. I'd been a practicing lawyer for nine years and a faculty member for 11. And I knew a lot about how a law school operated. But I had never led anything, put together a budget, managed enrollment targets, or crafted a strategic plan. In fact, I had never supervised a single person.

### LC: Not one?

**MAS:** In the 20 years since graduating from law school, I had supervised exactly zero people. Needless to say, in the past six years, I've learned a lot about being a manager, about budgeting, about creating a strategic vision, and about leading an organization. I still have a lot more to learn, but it's been exhilarating and fun. It's also made me a fan of mid-life career changes.

### LC: What are your goals for the next five years of your deanship?

**MAS:** We're one year into our five-year strategic plan, and I'm confident that it provides the roadmap for St. John's Law to continue to thrive. The goal is to continue to improve those measures that matter most to our students and to their employers. For example, our bar pass rate is now the fourth highest in New York state, while our average student debt level is the lowest of any of the state's 13 private law schools. Perhaps most importantly, our employment rates are going up every year. If our inputs and outcomes are improving, our law school is improving. And that's what's most important.

### LC: You're married and have five kids. How do you balance home and work?

**MAS:** My wife, Karen, and I were high school sweethearts and we're still best friends and partners in everything. We have five wonderful kids, and our lives are very full. And I wouldn't want it any other way. I'm very blessed.

### LC: You and your family are pretty avid Jets' fans. How do you handle living with such disappointment year after year?

**MAS:** Ouch. I have to blame my father, Vice Dean Emeritus Andrew Simons, for that one. I've inherited many things from him—including a love of the law and a devotion to St. John's. But, unfortunately, he also bequeathed to me his love of the Jets. Of course, I've passed along that particular family curse to my children as well.

### LC: Is this going to be the Jets' year?

**MAS:** Let's put it this way: If the Jets perform as well as St. John's Law, they'll have a very good year!



2015 Dean's Travel Study Program: Ireland

## FROM NEW YORK CITY TO THE HAGUE St. John's Offers J.D. Students a World of Opportunities



**W**alking the Shankill Road—the scene of one of the greatest atrocities of the Troubles in Northern Ireland during the late 20th century—Peter O'Connor '16 found himself reflecting on the significance of the moment. “It’s one thing to read about Ireland’s troubled past,” he says, “but it’s quite another to visit the sites of so many acts of violence and lawlessness.”

O'Connor was one of 15 St. John's Law students exploring Ireland's legal system, history, and culture as participants in the 10-day Dean's Travel Study Program held during the January 2015 intercession. The program is part of a growing suite of opportunities St. John's J.D. students have to explore diverse legal systems across the globe.

### International Practica

Students participating in the Law School's international practica spend a semester working for academic credit at an international organization, a United Nations agency, or an international criminal tribunal. Last semester, L. Todd Morelli '15 and Colleen Vecchione '15 worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands, while Shaun Hiller '15 worked with NATO's Allied Command Transformation Staff Element

Europe in Mons, Belgium. “In the NATO Practicum, I interacted with senior legal advisors at conferences, briefings, and workshops,” says Hiller. “These distinguished practitioners were personable, engaging, and very enthusiastic about sharing their work; whether it involved events in the Ukraine, the negotiation of international agreements, the laws of armed conflict, or the legal status of visiting forces. I learned so much from speaking with them, working with them, and observing how they handled situations.”

### Academic Exchange Program

The slate of global offerings at St. John’s Law also includes a new academic exchange program with the University of Glasgow School of Law. Through the program, St. John’s students spend a semester



studying in historic Glasgow, Scotland. In return, Glasgow LL.B. students come to St. John’s for a year of study and immersion in New York City culture and community. “This exciting program is a win-win proposition,” says Jeffrey K. Walker, assistant dean for transnational programs. “Our students experience one of the best comparative law jurisdictions in depth, and the participants from Glasgow study with our exceptional faculty, right at the epicenter of international business and law.” Christian Corkery ’15, who spent the fall semester in Glasgow along with Justin Curcio ’15 and John Geager ’15, highly recommends the program to others. “It was the highlight of my St. John’s experience,” he says.

### Summer Study Abroad

During the summer, St. John’s Law students can spend four weeks immersed in international and comparative law at St. John’s Rome and Paris campuses. This past summer, the curriculum included European Union Law, International and Comparative Perspectives on Law and Religion, and International Art and Cultural Heritage Law. Students also visited the Constitutional Court of Italy and the Bibliothèque nationale de France, and toured museums, historic sites, and renowned eateries to complement their coursework.

In addition to the Rome and Paris summer programs, students can participate in summer internships with organizations in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America. “My summer internship at the International Criminal Court in The Hague was fascinating,” says Ashlee Aguiar ’16. “I met scholars from



across the globe and discussed their research with them. I also learned about victim advocacy before the Court, and explored how legal systems in different countries function and compare with the American system.”

Interning abroad was also a formative experience for Sarah Roe ’15, who worked alongside Lisa Kurbiel ’92 last summer at UNICEF’s Somalia Mission in Nairobi, Kenya. “This wasn’t your typical 2L internship,” Sarah observes. “It was an eye-opening look at career paths that exist outside private practice. The United Nations is an incredibly influential and complex organization, and my internship gave me unique insight into how it works with a range of legal systems and norms as it undertakes its global initiatives.”

### Expanding Opportunities

Joshua M. Alter ’13, J.D. international programs director for the Law School’s Office of Transnational Programs, spent 12 days in Western and Central Europe recently exploring opportunities to expand



St. John’s relationships with strategic partners there. “Our international practica and global internships are unique in offering students structured, hands-on learning under the guidance of supervisory attorneys,” he says. “Participants also gain

experience in scholarly and practical writing that prepares them well for the practice of law. We’re excited to forge new partnerships and offer our students access to even more excellent placements.”

Hands-on learning also goes global when students in the Transactions in Emerging Markets course travel with their professors to Romania, Moldova, or other countries for meetings with leading policymakers, businesspeople, and attorneys. And, in the classroom at St. John’s, skills courses such as Drafting International Contracts and International Legal Research provide the practical tools for a globalizing profession.

### Center for International and Comparative Law

Along with these curricular and co-curricular offerings, the St. John’s Center for International and Comparative Law—co-directed by Professors Christopher J. Borgen and Peggy McGuinness—serves as a focal point for preparing students for global practice. “The center stands apart in creating a curriculum designed to study the complex legal arrangements and disputes to which today’s global economy gives rise,” says Richard F. Hans ’93, managing partner at DLA Piper’s New York office. “Professors Borgen and McGuinness have forged an ideal and ever-creative learning environment that provides their students with insight and perspective into the challenges businesses and their lawyers face when dealing with complex, multi-jurisdictional transactions or cross-border disputes. Their students are emerging from the program uniquely suited to enter that fray.”



### Center Programs and Initiatives

Students engage with the center as members of two international law journals, the *St. John’s Journal of International and Comparative Law* and the *New York International Law Review*. Both student-run journals feature scholarly articles and student notes and comments on emergent issues of international and comparative law. Members can also work with faculty advisors and journal editors to write a piece for publication.

The center's Pro Bono for International Justice Initiative, launched in 2013, involves students in projects that promote international justice while at the same time fulfilling the recent New York State *pro bono* requirement. As part of the initiative, the center teams with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to update the Tribunal's appellate digest, and works with two non-governmental organizations to promote corporate accountability for human rights violations committed outside the United States. The center also conducts research for the Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. According to Professor McGuinness, "the new initiative gets students working for clients on real cases, allowing them to hone their skills under the supervision of experienced attorneys."

Through the center's Student Fellows Program, St. John's Law 2Ls and 3Ls work with center-affiliated faculty members on research projects; present and publish work as part of the center's Roundtable Series; and take leadership roles on the center's projects and events, including its Global Issues Series and symposia. "Being a student fellow has been a great complement to my international studies," says Marissa Harrell '15. "My involvement with the center has deepened my research into international topics, introduced me to international scholars and practitioners, and exposed me to the practical application of international law."

Another pillar initiative is the center's International Honors Program, which launched this fall thanks in part to the generosity of Yasuhiro Saito '92, a founding partner at Saito Sorenson Lurie LLP. The five St. John's Law students selected for the program plan to pursue international legal practice. They receive a partial or full-tuition scholarship to fund their studies, and have access to additional stipends to fund research, academic travel, and student teaching.

"As an IHP Scholar and as a student fellow, I've had opportunities to meet and network

with leaders in the field of international law that I wouldn't have otherwise had," says Katharine Suominen '16. "I've also found an invaluable mentor in Professor McGuinness, who has been everything from an academic and career advisor to the gracious host of our fall IHP Scholars Dinner. She goes above and beyond." Matthew Freeze '17 also appreciates the support system the program has provided during his first year at St. John's Law. "I've benefited tremendously from the guidance of Professor McGuinness and the 2Ls in the program," he says.

### Alumni Engagement

In addition to supporting the International Honors Program, Yasuhiro Saito joined the center's advisory board recently. A noted authority on cross-border litigation, white collar criminal investigation, and regulatory enforcement matters, Saito recognizes what St. John's Law students gain in learning the law from a global perspective. "As lawyers, we're naturally interested in how things work," he shares. "But when you're only exposed to one place, and to one culture, it's harder to see the bigger picture and to be the best problem solver for your clients. You gain perspective and insight doing international work. It nurtures curiosity."

Saito also gives back to *alma mater* by mentoring students. "My time at St. John's was the beginning of my life here in the United States," he says. "So I'm happy to work with the students. It's really rewarding for me."

Saito's colleague on the center's advisory board, Daphne Vlachojannis '06, also supports the Law School's global offerings in diverse ways. As associate legal officer at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, she supervises St. John's Law students who are interning at various tribunals.

During law school, Vlachojannis was a summer intern at UNICEF, where she assisted victims of human rights violations. She appreciates the value of this kind of



experiential learning. "We live in a world where local developments increasingly have a global impact," she says. "Whether you work in a law firm, with a human rights organization, or for a corporation, global legal issues will present themselves. I'm honored to be part of a team dedicated to expanding opportunities for St. John's Law students to explore the law in its global context."

Reflecting on the Law School's global offerings, Professor Borgen says, "Individually and taken together, our courses, programs, journals, and other initiatives give students a deeper understanding of how globalization affects the practice of law, and how the law can be deployed to address emerging global challenges."

As Edward G. Kehoe '90—a partner at King & Spalding and a center advisory board member—notes, in this way, St. John's Law is continuing a proud tradition of educating lawyers who excel in the field. "International matters involving comparative law, including international disputes resolved through international arbitration, have increased substantially over the past two decades," he says. "St. John's Law has made extraordinary strides with its global programs, maintaining pace with this development. This success is a testament to the curriculum, to the faculty, and to the students. And I'm pleased and proud to see our alumni involved in some of the most important cross-border matters of our time."



### Law School Welcomes Inaugural IALS Visiting Professor Annika Rudman

Professor Annika Rudman of Stellenbosch University in South Africa is teaching at St. John's Law this semester as the inaugural International Association of Law Schools (IALS) Visiting Professor.

The visiting professorship is supported, in part, through the generosity of IALS President Francis Wang and the Wang Family Foundation, and is co-sponsored by the St. John's Center for International and Comparative Law and the Office of Transnational Programs.

"That IALS chose St. John's as the inaugural host for this visiting professorship is a testament to the growth of our international law programs and our global reputation," said Professor Peggy McGuinness, the center's co-director. "Professor Rudman is an impressive scholar, and she brings deep expertise in African legal systems to St. John's."

"It's particularly fitting to partner with the Wang Family Foundation in this opportunity," Dean Michael A. Simons said. "More than 60 years ago, Frank Wang's father, Kenneth Wang, joined our faculty shortly after emigrating from China, and he taught international law here for the next three decades. We're pleased to carry on his legacy through the many vibrant international law programs at St. John's."

# BARRETT ON JACKSON: THE BIOGRAPHER AND “THE JACKSON LIST”

**P**rofessor John Q. Barrett remembers what struck him when he first read an opinion by US Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson: Spectacular writing. Over time, Barrett’s interest in Justice Jackson became deep research, extensive writing, book projects—including Jackson’s biography—and, unexpectedly, a large online audience.

## Robert Houghwout Jackson

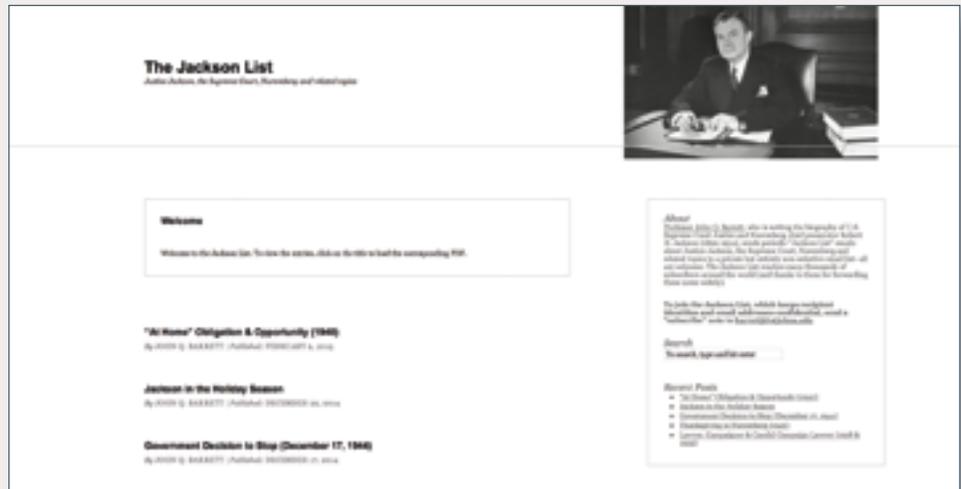
Justice Jackson, who served on the Supreme Court from 1941 until 1954, was one of the finest writers, if not the finest writer, in the Court’s history. His opinions are models of accessibility, candor, lawyerly skill, and personal charm. He wrote them himself—he deplored colleagues using law clerks as ghostwriters.

Jackson’s opinions include enduring monuments. To name just three, he wrote the Court opinion in the Jehovah’s Witnesses flag salute case, *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette* (1943); dissented in the Japanese-American exclusion case, *Korematsu v. United States* (1944); and concurred in the invalidation of President Truman’s Korean War seizure of the nation’s steel mills, *Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer* (1952).

Jackson’s life (1892-1954) was much more, however, than judicial opinions. Born on a Pennsylvania farm and raised in western New York, he never attended college. After apprenticing and one year of law school (but no degree), he became a lawyer at age 21. He became a star in Buffalo, then in Jamestown, New York, then across New York State and nationally.

In 1934, Jackson joined the New Deal. President Franklin Roosevelt nominated him, and the Senate confirmed Jackson’s appointments, to five offices: Treasury Department Assistant General Counsel (1934), Assistant Attorney General (1936), Solicitor General (1938), Attorney General (1940), and Supreme Court Justice (1941). In 1940, when Roosevelt contemplated retirement, Jackson was a leading presidential prospect.

And Nuremberg. In April 1945, President Truman recruited Justice Jackson to prosecute Nazi war criminals in Allied-occupied former



Jackson List posts are archived, with footnotes and photographs, at thejacksonlist.com.

Germany. Jackson and fellow prosecutors obtained convictions of Nazi leaders for conspiring, waging aggressive war, committing war crimes, and committing crimes against humanity. The Nuremberg prosecutors built a vast evidentiary record of Nazi crimes, including what history came to comprehend as the Holocaust. Jackson’s Nuremberg opening and closing arguments are regarded as two of the greatest speeches in history. Nuremberg today is the root precedent for modern international criminal law and courts.

For all these reasons, Jackson is relevant, admired, quoted, and studied. Many visit the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown. The heart of Buffalo features the Robert H. Jackson US Courthouse. Chief Justice Roberts has praised Jackson’s writing. Justice Kagan has voiced admiration for his independence. Justice Scalia calls Jackson his hero.

## The Jackson List

A component of Jackson’s prominence today is Professor Barrett’s work. In 2000, thanks to generous Jackson descendants, he obtained never-seen papers and embarked on the long-term project of writing Jackson’s biography. In 2003, Professor Barrett edited and published Jackson’s previously unknown, and now acclaimed book, *That Man: An Insider’s Portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt* (which is also an autobiography). He has written numerous articles on Jackson and related topics and lectures regularly at academic, judicial, and law firm conferences and to public audiences.

And, accidentally, Professor Barrett invented “The Jackson List,” a one-way, private email list. It began when he emailed Jackson information to friends, who forwarded the notes on to others. When some of these recipients replied back to Professor Barrett and asked to be added to his “Jackson List,” he realized that he had one.

The Jackson List, which is free, grew from there. Professor Barrett now sends a few short essays each month to tens of thousands of subscribers, including many lawyers, federal and state judges, academics, students, and others around the world. Jackson List recipients forward the notes across their law firms, companies, courts, and communities. And many cite, quote, and praise the Jackson List. For example, Hon. Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska and a prominent blogger, recently described the Jackson List as “among the best legal history being done in this country. It is a treasure.”

Professor Barrett gets Jackson List subscription requests from many people each week. “This interest is very gratifying, of course,” he says. “I’m lucky to be writing about a life and legacy that interests so many.”

*Jackson List posts are archived at thejacksonlist.com. Or you can find the site using the online search term “Jackson List.” To subscribe to the Jackson List, please email Professor Barrett at barrettj@stjohns.edu. Videos of his lectures on Justice Jackson can be found on YouTube.*



# THE CENTER FOR LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SINGULAR OPPORTUNITIES TO ST. JOHN'S LAW STUDENTS

**The law isn't static. It moves beyond black letter dictate, statutory interpretation, and legal analysis to impact and animate just about every aspect of everyday life. This view of the law is central to the mission and work of the Center for Labor and Employment Law at St. John's.**

Under the longtime leadership of Executive Director David L. Gregory, the Law School's Dorothy Day Professor of Law, the Center is a unique forum where students, practitioners, and scholars come together to explore the practice and theory of labor and employment law. Focusing on the importance, and the sanctity, of doing good work in the world, Professor Gregory says, "the Center strives to show students, by engagement and example, that they can be successful practitioners who also give back to their communities."

Students build a strong foundation for this work and service through a comprehensive labor and employment law curriculum that includes introductory courses as well as upper level classes in Employment Discrimination, Labor and Employment Arbitration, Public Sector Labor and Employment Law, ERISA, and Pensions and Benefits Law, among other offerings. A new course in Protective Legislation for Workers reflects the Center's commitment to evolving the curriculum to meet a changing legal profession and

marketplace. Students also benefit from a suite of complementary coursework in dispute resolution and legal writing.

Learning continues outside the classroom as students participate in supervised externships with corporations, law firms, unions, and government agencies. They also engage with labor and employment law professionals at programs the Center hosts each year, ranging from international conferences and symposia in Dublin, at the University of London, and at Cambridge University, to distinguished guest speakers at

Law School welcomed His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan, the former Archbishop of New York who passed away in March. He presented a talk on "Pope Francis: Where He Will Lead Us." Observing that the "266th successor of St. Peter" has "captivated not only the Catholics of the world, but also devotees of all faiths," Cardinal Egan spoke about his longtime friendship and collaboration with the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., the Archbishop of Buenos Aires. Reflecting on the reasons why the conclave elected Pope Francis,

Cardinal Egan noted—among other points—his friend's reputation as a "man of prayer who handled countless, extraordinarily daunting situations marvelously well." He went on to observe how Pope Francis has been received with "universal admiration" since his election, and has been called "the most popular leader in the world."

The Center wouldn't be the success it is today without the ongoing support of dedicated alumni who generously fund scholarships, hire and mentor students, and serve on the Center's board of advisors and

adjunct faculty. "Our alumni are the lifeblood of the Center," Professor Gregory says. "With their partnership, our students receive an outstanding education in labor and employment law and go on to hold key positions in the public and private sectors, where they have a hand in shaping labor and employment law and do good work that positively impacts the lives of countless people."

Robert Nobile '84, a partner at Seyfarth Shaw who has supported the Center for



The late Cardinal Egan and Professor David L. Gregory with St. John's Law students

the Law School including three chairs of the National Labor Relations Board, a Solicitor General of the United States, a former EEOC chairman, AFL-CIO presidents, and Cesar Chavez, founder of United Farm Workers of America. These events have been chronicled in the *St. John's Law Review* and in other notable scholarly publications.

An anchor of the Center's programming is its Distinguished Annual Lecture organized by students from its affiliate, the Labor Relations and Employment Law Society. This year, the

many years, notes that the appreciation is mutual. "David Gregory inherited a program that offered two courses—Employment Discrimination and Labor Law. Under his leadership, the program has grown significantly and now offers courses in all areas of labor and employment law. It's, by far, the best and most comprehensive labor and employment curriculum in the country." Michael Van Aken '99, vice president of human resources at Coca-Cola Refreshments, also has high praise for Professor Gregory's work through the Center. "I've never met a teacher who cares more about his students after they leave the classroom. He is tireless in his pursuit of employment for them, and he regularly taps into his personal network of former students. I'm grateful for the opportunity he has given me to help my fellow alumni."

And St. John's Law students and recent graduates are grateful for this exceptional support system. "My law school experience has been enriched by my involvement with the Center for Labor and Employment Law," says Sarah Mannix '15, president of the Labor and Employment Law Society and recipient of the Coca-Cola Refreshments Scholarship for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law. "Professor Gregory is not



only an excellent mentor and teacher, he teaches by example and encourages us to think beyond the letter of the law to effect positive change through our legal education. His tutelage, encouragement, and support will be something I remember long past graduation."

Amanda Jaret '13, who started as a staff attorney for the NLRB this fall after completing a fellowship with the AFL-CIO, also appreciates the guidance she received on her professional path. "My career trajectory has been indelibly influenced by my work with the Center and by Professor Gregory's wisdom and advocacy on my behalf," she says. "Between his empowering support and encouragement and the comprehensive academic preparation I received through the Center, I've felt fully prepared for the challenging legal work I've done since graduating from St. John's."

Ralph Carter '14 received multiple scholarships for excellence in labor and employment law at St. John's, and just embarked on his career at Duane Morris LLP. He also credits the man behind the Center. "Professor Gregory is unrelenting in his support of St. John's Law students, and his door is always open to those seeking the benefit of his considerable experience," he says. "There are so many of us who owe him so much. He has an uncanny ability to see in his students their potential and to show them what they can attain and how to get there, even when the student believes that the goal is something beyond reach."

In 2013, alumni, faculty, students, and friends came together to celebrate Professor Gregory and his many accomplishments at the Center for Labor and Employment Law. "We thought the best way to

recognize Professor Gregory's numerous achievements—and his indelible mark on those he has mentored, taught, and worked with—was to have people from various chapters of his life share stories about him," explains Alyssa Zuckerman '13, the 2012 Coca-Cola Refreshments Scholar who helped



organize the event as co-president of the Labor and Employment Law Society. "Plus, we combined marking a milestone with something that is very important to Professor Gregory—supporting students. In the end, we raised over \$220,000 in gifts and pledges for the Center. It was a great success."

In his remarks at the event, Dean Michael A. Simons captured the sentiment in the room—and outside it—with these words: "For the past 30 years, David Gregory has exemplified what it means to be a law professor. He is a dedicated teacher, a caring mentor, a prolific scholar, and an indefatigable institution builder. He has single-handedly created one of the finest labor and employment law programs in the country. He has worked tirelessly to promote his students and to launch their careers. His legal expertise is in labor and employment law, but he has lived his professional life by the Biblical command to 'serve one another through love.' Tonight, we celebrate a true servant."

## National Grid Foundation Establishes Labor and Employment Law Scholarship at St. John's Law

Photo: Rick Kopstein/New York Law Journal



The National Grid Foundation has established the Basil A. Paterson Memorial Scholarship to benefit St. John's Law students.

The scholarship honors the life and legacy of the late Hon. Basil A. Paterson '48C, '51L, '79HON, former chairman of the National Grid Foundation Board of Directors.

Paterson distinguished himself as a political leader, civil rights champion, and labor lawyer during more than 60 years of service to the people of New York State.

The \$100,000 grant from the National Grid Foundation will be

augmented by the Law School's Brennan Family Scholarship Matching Program to provide an annual scholarship award to a St. John's Law student who personifies the ideals that Paterson held dear, and who intends to practice labor and employment law.

The inaugural Basil A. Paterson Memorial Scholarship recipient is Eugene Ubawike, Jr. '15.



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# REMEMBERING

## HON. MARIO M. CUOMO '53C, '56L, '75HON

*“At his core, at his best, he was a philosopher. He was a poet. He was an advocate. He was a crusader. Mario Cuomo was the keynote speaker for our better angels.”*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo shared this compelling remembrance at the funeral of his father, esteemed public servant and dedicated St. John’s alumnus Hon. Mario M. Cuomo '53C, '56L, '75HON.

Born in 1932 and raised in New York City, Mario Cuomo was the son of Italian immigrants who owned a grocery store in South Jamaica, Queens. He attended his neighborhood public elementary school and St. John’s Preparatory High School in Bedford–Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. There, he developed a tireless work ethic that he later attributed to his hardworking father, who, he said, “bled from the soles of his feet” to provide for his family.

After graduating from St. John’s Prep in 1949, Cuomo played on the freshman baseball team at St. John’s University. At just 20 years old, the six foot tall, 190-pound center fielder signed a contract to play for the Brunswick Pirates of the Georgia-Florida League, a Class-D affiliate. In 81 games that season, he hit .244 with 10 doubles, two triples, and one home run. But his pro baseball career was cut short when he was hit in the head by a fastball and suffered a concussion, an injury he often whimsically tied to his decision to enter New York politics.

Cuomo returned to his studies at St. John’s, where he met his future wife, Matilda N. Raffa '54Ed. After graduating *summa cum laude* in 1953, he went on to St. John’s Law, where he earned a St. Thomas More scholarship and excelled academically. Throughout his law school years, Cuomo worked to support his young family, while

also serving St. John’s as a member of the St. Thomas More Institute and as a founding editor of *The Catholic Lawyer*. In 1956, he graduated *cum laude* and tied for first place in his Law School class.

At the start of his legal career, Cuomo served as a confidential law clerk to Hon. Adrian P. Burke of the New York State



*“In word, action, and spirit, Mario Cuomo exemplified all that is best in our civic leaders.”*

— Dean Michael A. Simons

Court of Appeals, and then entered private law practice in 1958 with the Brooklyn firm of Corner, Weisbrod, Froeb & Charles. In addition to practicing law, Cuomo was an adjunct professor at St. John’s Law for over a decade, teaching legal writing to a generation of St. John’s students.

He first entered the political arena in 1972 when then-Mayor John Lindsay asked Cuomo to help resolve a highly publicized housing controversy in Forest Hills, Queens. The next major milestone in his rise as a political figure in New York came when then-Governor Hugh L. Carey appointed Cuomo secretary of state in 1975. In 1977,

Cuomo ran for mayor of New York City, but lost in the primary to Edward Koch. Cuomo was elected lieutenant governor of New York in 1978 and, in 1982, he was elected New York’s 52nd governor, a position he was re-elected to in 1986 and 1990 by record margins.

As the longest serving Democratic governor in the modern history of New York State, Cuomo is credited with a suite of impressive accomplishments, including: settling the Coxsackie Correctional Facility uprising peacefully and without fatalities—in sharp contrast to the many lives lost during the Attica prison riot under Governor Nelson Rockefeller’s administration; leading the state through two recessions; balancing 12 consecutive budgets; revitalizing education; improving bridges and roadways; investing in public health programs; and devising a state-wide economic development initiative that grew the private sector, created more than half a million jobs, and supported the launch of high-tech research facilities. During Cuomo’s tenure as governor, foreign investment in New York nearly doubled.

He also shaped New York’s judiciary with appointments to the Court of Appeals that included the court’s first African-American, first Hispanic, first two women, and first female chief judge. Among his appointees to New York’s highest court were fellow St. John’s Law alumni Vito J. Titone '56L, '84HON, Joseph W. Bellacosa '59C, '61L, '87HON, and Carmen B. Ciparick '67L, '03HON.

Cuomo was a gifted orator and among his most memorable speeches is the keynote address he delivered at the Democratic National Convention in 1984. Offering a contrasting view of what President Ronald Reagan called his “shining city on the hill,” Cuomo depicted a country also suffering from poverty, homelessness, and fear, stating:

*“A shining city is perhaps all the President sees from the portico of the White House and the veranda of his ranch, where everyone seems to be doing well. But there’s another city, another part to the shining*



city—the part where some people can't pay their mortgages and most young people can't afford one. Where students can't afford the education they need and middle-class parents watch the dreams they hold for their children evaporate. In this part of the city there are more poor than ever, more families in trouble, more and more people who need help but can't find it."

Some 15 years later, a survey of scholars nationwide ranked Cuomo's convention address among the best American speeches of the century.

Although there was popular support for him to be a presidential candidate in 1988 and 1992, Cuomo chose not to run and, after losing his bid for a fourth term as governor, he re-entered private law practice at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in 1995. At Willkie, he served of counsel to the corporate and financial services department and the litigation department, specializing in litigation, corporate transactions, and special corporate investigations.

And he continued contributing to the civic good in leadership roles with the Partnership

for a Drug-Free America. More recently, the US Bankruptcy Court in New York appointed Cuomo to mediate the dispute between the trustee of Bernard Madoff's fraudulent investment fund and the owners of the New York Mets. He remained a prolific writer of essays and books, and was in demand as a public speaker.

He also remained an avid baseball fan, and was featured in Ken Burns' documentary series, *Baseball*. Reflecting on his time in the game as a young man, according to PBS, Cuomo shared this unique take on the sport:

"It is a community activity. You need all nine people helping one another. I love bunt plays. I love the idea of the bunt. I love the idea of the sacrifice. Even the word is good. Giving yourself up for the good of the whole. That's Jeremiah. That's thousands of years of wisdom. You find your own good in the good of the whole. You find your own individual fulfillment in the success of the community—the Bible tried to do that and didn't teach you. Baseball did."

Over the years, St. John's University honored Cuomo multiple times, presenting

him with the Pietas Medal (1972); an Honorary Doctor of Laws (1975); the Medal of Honor (1981); the President's Medal (1983); and the International Medal (1989). In 1999, he was honored by the *St. John's Law Review*. He returned to campus in 2011 for a day-long program as the Joseph W. Bellacosca Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence. In 2013, the *New York Law Journal* named Cuomo recipient of its "Lifetime Achievement Award" in recognition of his career accomplishments and the profound impact he made on the law, in New York's legal community, and as a celebrated governor. And in May 2014 he was the distinguished guest at the St. John's Center for International and Comparative Law's year-end reception, hosted at Willkie.

During Cuomo's visit to the Law School in 2011, Judge Bellacosca—his longtime friend and former faculty colleague who served as dean of the Law School from 2000 to 2004—presented a framed, handwritten letter he received from Cuomo in 1974. In it, Cuomo reflected on a conversation the two had at St. John's about their respective calls to public service in New York—Cuomo as secretary of state and Bellacosca as chief clerk and counsel to the Court of Appeals. In his characteristic way, Cuomo wondered whether the two might do better starting a private law practice together, and rhetorically queried, "Did it occur to you that we may both be making a mistake?" in reference to their decisions to accept their respective positions in Albany. Judge Bellacosca kept the letter and, 13 years later, he read it aloud from the bench the day he was sworn in as an Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, adding: "Obviously, neither of us made a mistake!" The Cuomo letter now hangs in the library at St. John's Law, an enduring memento and lesson from their *alma mater* bond.

"In word, action, and spirit, Mario Cuomo exemplified all that is best in our civic leaders," says Dean Michael A. Simons. "I was fortunate to spend time with him on a number of occasions, including when he came home to *alma mater* as our Hon. Joseph W. Bellacosca Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence. He was an eloquent speaker who understood New Yorkers so well because he was a New Yorker through and through. As the hardworking child of hardworking immigrants, he devoted his life to promoting the public good. His work embodied St. Vincent de Paul's commitment to the poor. Cuomo was truly a son of St. John's Law and we will miss him."

# SPECIAL TRIBUTES



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## By Thomas M. Cerabino '81, Co-Chairman, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

As he did wherever he went, the Governor began building friendships from day one at Willkie Farr & Gallagher. He made friends with the mail room workers, receptionists, attorneys in neighboring offices, and so many others in the Willkie community.

One such friendship began as soon as the Governor stepped off the elevator on his first day. Eithne Quigley, Willkie's early morning receptionist who now has been at the firm for 55 years, was the first person to greet him.

For the occasion, Eithne requested the Governor be served tea from the firm's best china. The Governor returned her kindness by challenging Eithne to name her assemblyman, congressman, and senator. She passed his quiz, and then posited a question of her own about the Governor's

speechwriter, Peter Quinn. She asked whether the Governor knew the background to the title of Mr. Quinn's book, "Banished Children of Eve." After a pause, Eithne hinted it came from the hymn *Salve Regina*. The Governor stood up and started reciting "Hail Holy Queen."

Eithne and the Governor became good friends, chatting together when the Governor would arrive at 7 a.m. on a range of topics, from what music the Governor should listen to for inspiration when writing a speech, to Catholic traditions (a native of Belfast, Eithne was an expert on the subject).

We enjoyed the Governor's wit, anecdotes, discussions on philosophy, and friendship over the course of the 20 years he spent at the firm. He is greatly missed.

## By Joseph M. Mattone, Sr. '53C, '55L, '94HON Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Mattone Group

Mario and I met in our second year at St. John's Prep. A long relationship developed which lasted for many years (70).

Although our lives took separate courses—his in public service, and mine in real estate, banking, and development—we stayed in touch consistently.

Fortune favored me, and I was able to build a large, nice home in Douglaston

(seven kids); and Mario had a nice, but modest home in Holliswood (five kids).

When he was finally elected Governor, he told a reporter from the *New York Times*, "Tell Joe Mattone I have a bigger house (State Mansion) than he does." When the reporter called me, I replied, "Tell the Governor-elect he rents his, and I own mine."



## By Joseph Percoco '00, Executive Deputy Secretary to New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

I met Mario Cuomo when I was a sophomore in college, volunteering as an intern in his New York City office. This was the beginning of a 27-year professional and personal relationship with a magnificent human being.

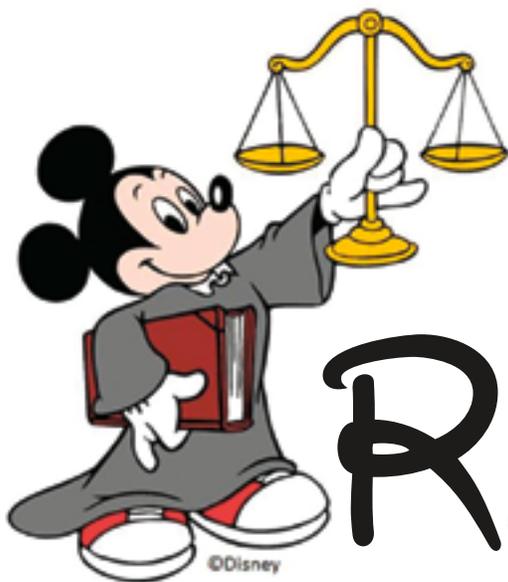
It was through this special relationship that I learned to respect and love the law, and to use it to help those who can't defend or protect themselves. Mario Cuomo and I shared roots as sons of Italian-American immigrants who worked hard to provide a better life for their children, and he taught me how to adapt to a world I knew nothing about from my upbringing. I also learned what it means to be a great public servant, undeterred by political winds and steadfast in your beliefs.

My father passed away when I was 24 years old and, instantly, Mario Cuomo became the father figure in my life. He

led by example as a man of integrity who demanded nothing less from his staff and supporters. During my brief time in the private sector, it was Mario Cuomo who taught me the subtle adjustments from government work. His superior intellect always kept me one step ahead of my peers.

But probably the most important lesson I learned from him was how to be a great father and family man. No matter how busy our schedule was, Mario Cuomo always made time for his family and for his lovely bride of 62 years, Matilda Raffa Cuomo.

I don't know if I could have achieved as much as I have in the world of government and politics without Mario Cuomo's mentoring. Not a day goes by where I don't think of him and all that he taught me. I miss him so much.



# REPRESENTING

**I**t's a relationship that spans generations, cultures, borders, and platforms. We associate it with big screen princesses, villains, super heroes, and one particularly adorable mouse. We live its magic up close at a world and in lands designed just for our delight. And we welcome it into our homes through a daily menu of small screen offerings. We all know Disney and have forged wonderful memories on our many connections to it.

Behind the Disney we know and love is one of the world's leading family entertainment and media enterprises, The Walt Disney Company. Together with its subsidiaries and affiliates, the company is made up of five segments: media networks, parks and resorts, studio entertainment, consumer products, and interactive media. And behind the scenes supporting all the work of this successful entertainment giant is a worldwide legal department that includes a number of St. John's Law alumni.

**Ken Newman '71** started at Disney in 1995 as vice president and eastern regional counsel and now helps to lead the legal team as associate general counsel and assistant secretary. In this role, he oversees all competition and consumer protection law and compliance for the entire company. He has also been deeply involved in the company's major mergers and acquisitions, including the purchase of Pixar, Marvel, and Lucasfilm.

"I served as part of the team responsible for integrating these and other newly-acquired entities into the Disney family of companies," Newman says. But he's quick to point out that joining the family doesn't come with a loss of identity. "Disney is a brand, ESPN is a brand, Marvel is a brand, Pixar is a brand, and each and every one has resonance with people," he says. "We don't 'mousify' everything. These companies need to stay true to what they do fantastically well. You want all the brands to thrive while unifying certain things."

**Ryan Potter '05** has first-hand knowledge of Disney's approach to building a robust house of brands. He joined Marvel Entertainment after a cold call earned him an unpaid internship at the company that is home to Spider-Man, Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, and

the Hulk, among other popular characters. In his current position as Marvel's vice president of business affairs, Potter is involved primarily with film production. "When filming, the lawyer is in constant communication with the production crews on location to make sure that everything runs smoothly," he says. "One minute you're working with representatives of the Screen Actors Guild on a labor issue, and the next you're negotiating with a business owner who's worried about losing money because a film crew is taking over the location. It's fast-paced work and anything can happen."

Potter appreciates the synergies that developed when Disney acquired Marvel in 2009. "Disney and Marvel are both about entertainment," he explains. "The target audiences for the end product may be slightly different, but the goal of delivering the best content possible is always the same." In addition to sharing "a culture of excellence," Potter says, the two companies also share legal resources that he draws on as needed, especially with respect to compliance, governance, and labor matters.

Another successful Disney-affiliated brand is ESPN, a leader in multimedia sports programming and entertainment. It's where you will find **Lisa Stancati '85SVC, '92L** working as assistant chief counsel. Stancati left law firm practice to fulfill her dream of working in sports, first with the Women's Professional Billiard Association and then with the National Hockey League. At ESPN since 2004, she handles deals with respect to ESPN's digital media properties, and advises on copyright, right of publicity, and privacy law issues. "I work with tremendous teams of people at ESPN," Stancati says. "We're constantly striving to protect and grow the ESPN brand, and to stay true to our mission—namely, 'To serve sports fans. Anytime."

## St. John's Law Alumni are In-House Helping Disney Grow and Thrive

# THE MOUSE

Anywhere.'" At the same time, she shares, "we're mindful that we're an extension of the Disney brand and we want our business to reflect well on the entire organization."

**Kevin Closson '94**, vice president of business affairs at the Disney-ABC Television Group, also appreciates the synergies with the larger Walt Disney Company as he oversees development and production deals for original owned, co-produced, and licensed programming at ABC Family. "Working at Disney fosters a collaborative mindset and a dynamic work environment where you're looking to make the company even stronger without compromising its ethical values."

In addition to nurturing its family of brands, Disney is growing its international business presence. Since joining the company in 2003, assistant general counsel **Marea Suozzi '80** has handled a variety of litigation in the United States and abroad. Her work includes supervising litigation in the Asia-Pacific region—jurisdictions such as Japan, Korea, China, India, and Australia. In one of these cases, the Tokyo High Court upheld the company's international labor standards against a challenge by a former licensee. In another case, arbitrated before the China International Economic and Trade Association Commission, the provisions of Disney's merchandise license agreements were upheld. It was the first time those agreements had been challenged in China.

Although managing litigation in other countries and across diverse legal systems and time zones can be challenging, Suozzi enjoys the work and recognizes the end it serves. "Disney is known for its creativity and innovation," she says. "It's our responsibility in the legal department to protect that creativity, innovation, and the associated intellectual property rights. These assets are essential to the company and its culture."

While Suozzi helps protect Disney in court, **Joyce Bowers '89** oversees some of the company's major US real estate dealings as

assistant chief counsel at the Walt Disney World Resort. Since joining the company in 2000, Bowers has been involved in notable projects—like the leasing of Celebration—Disney's first planned community—and the sale of a parcel of land for the new Four Seasons Resort Orlando. She is currently leading the expansion of the Downtown Disney retail, dining, and entertainment complex to 1.1 million square feet of retail and restaurant space.

"The work is fast paced, and I'm surrounded by great people," says Bowers. "And as the Disney brand grows, new opportunities surface. With the expansion of Downtown Disney, we're embarking on a retail leasing initiative that is unprecedented at Disney. It's really exciting."

Like Bowers, **Elena Matyas '96** is employing her expertise in real estate law at Disney as principal counsel in the company's real estate group. After practicing law at top firms in New York, she joined Disney in 2006. "My primary responsibility is managing Disney's vast real estate holdings," Matyas says. "Aside from the theme park properties you think of immediately, I manage the office space that Disney, ABC, ESPN, and Marvel employees occupy worldwide, acquisitions in connection with company expansion, and short term leasing for special events and projects."

The challenges and opportunities in these initiatives are one and the same, Matyas observes, adding, "The Disney brand is constantly expanding, so lawyers on our legal team have constant opportunities to tap and grow their expertise."

With a focus on innovation in entertainment, Disney continues to develop its global brand with the help of its legal department. "All of our lawyers need to be—and all our St. John's lawyers are—fully engaged in all aspects of the business units they support," says Ken Newman. "This is practical, feet-on-the-ground lawyering." It's also very rewarding work, as Newman notes. "This is a great company to be a lawyer for. Wherever you go, people know Disney. The name alone puts a smile on their faces. What other company can you say that about?"

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— Ken Newman '71

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**1** | The Alumni Association hosted the **Hon. Guy J. Mangano Golf Classic** at the Plandome Country Club on September 22, 2014. A highlight of the day was the presentation of the Hon. Guy J. Mangano Award to Richard A. Spehr '86, managing partner Mayer Brown LLP. Over 100 participants enjoyed the event, which is now in its 13th year and has raised over \$125,000 in that time to support the Law School's James V. Mangano Scholarship fund.

On October 21, 2014, Donald Ottaunick '83, a partner at Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A., hosted the **New Jersey Chapter Reception** at his firm's Hackensack, NJ office. Hon. Stanley R. Chelser '74, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, addressed the 30 attendees, who also had an opportunity to network and reconnect with *alma mater*.

**2** | The classes of 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009 celebrated

**Reunion 2014** at Desmond's Steakhouse in Manhattan on November 6, 2014. Over 250 alumni gathered for an enjoyable time with friends, faculty members, and Dean Michael A. Simons. The class of 1984 even took the opportunity to host an impromptu birthday party for a classmate, adding to the fun of the evening.

**The Armed Forces Alumni and Student Reception** was held at the Law School on November 11, 2014. Decorated combat veteran Joseph V. Moreno '99, now special counsel in the white collar defense and investigations group at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, received this year's Distinguished Veteran Alumni Award. A major in the US Army Reserve, Moreno has served on active duty as a military prosecutor. In 2004, he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq.

It was all about family fun when the Alumni Association sponsored an afternoon at the

**Big Apple Circus** on November 22, 2014. The animals, clowns, contortionists, and high flyers provided big entertainment under the big top. It was a treat for all ages made even sweeter by ample helpings of cotton candy.

**3** | On December 2, 2014, over 80 alumni came together for the **Nassau Chapter Holiday Luncheon** at the Carlton. After updating the group about developments and initiatives at the Law School, Dean Michael A. Simons introduced Professor Mark Movsesian, director of the Center for Law and Religion, who spoke about the crisis facing Mideast Christians.

**4** | Each year, Dean Michael A. Simons hosts a **Bar Passage Reception** to celebrate this important milestone with St. John's Law graduates. This year's reception took place on December 3, 2014 at the Warwick New York Hotel in Manhattan, where faculty and alumni joined the recent graduates for the festivities.



**5** | Over 50 alumni enjoyed the **Westchester Chapter Holiday Luncheon** at the Westchester Hills Country Club on December 4, 2014. Alumni Association President Andrea M. Alonso '78C, '81L welcomed the guests, who mixed and mingled with each other and Dean Michael A. Simons. The attendees also continued their longtime tradition of collecting toys at the event for distribution through the St. John's Bread and Life Program.

**6** | The **Brooklyn Chapter Holiday Party and Toy Drive** took place on December 10, 2014 at Floyd NY. In addition to enjoying food, camaraderie, and the indoor bocce court, the group collected more than 500 toys to donate to the St. John's Bread and Life Program for needy children in the St. John's Parish in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

**7** | On January 30, 2015, over 300 alumni, faculty, students, and administrators attended the **Alumni Association Luncheon** at the Hilton New York. After Alumni Association President Andrea M. Alonso '78C, '81L welcomed the attendees, Rachel R. Paras '04 accepted the Recent Graduate Service Award on behalf of her good friend, Esterina Giuliani '06. Now counsel at Baker & Hostetler LLP, Giuliani attended St. John's Law on an academic

scholarship and excelled, graduating first in her evening division *magna cum laude*. Described by Paras as "passionate about her *alma mater*," she has put that zeal into action as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and through the annual Esterina Giuliani Award. Dean Michael A. Simons then presented the John J. Murphy Award to Steven J. Gartner '84, co-chairman of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, in recognition of his distinguished service to the public, the profession, and the rule of law. Reflecting on the reasons for his professional success, Gartner credited his supportive family and the Willkie Farr partners who gave him "every opportunity imaginable" to succeed. "And the third answer to how I got here," he continued, "is that I had the privilege of getting my law degree from St. John's."

**8** | The **ABI Law Review Alumni Reception** took place on February 5, 2015 at the Manhattan offices of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP. Attendees included Professor G. Ray Warner, the Law School's associate dean for bankruptcy studies, and Professor Keith Sharfman.

The **2015 Spring CLE Weekend** offered sessions in drafting, appellate practice, IP law, ethics, employment law, bankruptcy

basics, matrimonial law, and federal practice, among other offerings. Attendees received 16 credits (three ethics, six skills, and seven practice) for the entire weekend.

**9** | This year's **Law Review Alumni Reception** was held on March 3, 2015 at the Metropolitan Club in Manhattan. Organized by Nina Shreve '77, the evening celebrated the accomplishments of the *St. John's Law Review* students, as noted by Editor-in-Chief Bari Nadworny '15. Dean Michael A. Simons presented the Law Review Alumni Award to Robert J. Gunther, Jr. '81C, '84L, a partner in the litigation/controversy department and the intellectual property litigation practice group at WilmerHale. Gunther has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *Managing Intellectual Property*, *LMG Life Sciences*, and *IAM* consistently as a leading lawyer in the area of patent litigation. Accepting the award, he expressed how proud he is to be a St. John's Law graduate, and he encouraged his fellow alumni to support the Law School in any way they can.

Organized by Brian Behar '84, chapter president, the **Florida Chapter Monthly Dinner** gathers area alumni together to enjoy good food, interesting conversation, and common bonds. To get involved in this ongoing event, please contact Behar at [bsb@bgglaw.com](mailto:bsb@bgglaw.com).



# TRADITIONS

In this new column, we celebrate the traditions that bind the St. John's Law family. One of our most moving traditions is the hooding ceremony at our annual Commencement Exercises, marking the milestone transition from student to alumnus. While Dean Michael A. Simons traditionally hoods the graduates, he happily turns the honor over to alumni so they can share this special moment with their family members as they take the stage.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Eugenie Cesar-Fabian

General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer  
Palladium Equity Partners, LLC



**G**rowing up in Massapequa Park, NY, Eugenie Cesar-Fabian '04—who goes by 'Genie'—was a very shy kid who didn't find her voice or stand out until she won her high school's mock trial competition in her senior year. It was a cathartic moment. "I loved the creativity and the humanity of framing the facts and the law into a cogent argument," Cesar-Fabian says.

As part of the first generation in her family to attend college, she pursued her budding interest through a course of undergraduate study that introduced her to constitutional law, which she enjoyed. Her post-college experience as a litigation paralegal at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP "sealed the deal," she says, and she decided to apply to law school.

Cesar-Fabian is candid about the ups and downs of her law school search. "My financial situation at the time was dire," she shares. "So when I applied, I asked the schools 'how can you make this work for someone like me, who can't attend without substantial financial help?'"

Although she was accepted to other New York City law schools, St. John's was the only one that made a financial commitment to her. "With their scholarship offer, St. John's showed that they believed I could succeed both as a law student and in the profession,"

says Cesar-Fabian. "That vote of confidence was very meaningful to me, and it made my decision easy."

Arriving at St. John's Law, she found herself in good company. "Like me, many of my classmates had the passion and the fire to succeed, but didn't have financial resources," Cesar-Fabian says. "That's part of the St. John's Law story—giving students the opportunity to pull themselves up through hard work and their raw intelligence and drive to achieve."

At St. John's, Cesar-Fabian quickly started giving back to the school community as a Student Bar Association representative and recipient of a St. John's summer *pro bono* fellowship, which she used to volunteer at Her Justice, Inc., representing survivors of domestic violence in family law and matrimonial matters.

She also excelled academically, earning a place on the *St. John's Law Review*, for which she later served as an articles and notes editor. And, at the end of her 3L year, her family grew with the birth of her first child.

After graduation, Cesar-Fabian started her legal career as a litigator in the securities and professional liability practice at Hughes, Hubbard & Reed LLP. She then moved to Bingham McCutchen LLP where she began to focus on regulatory defense, and rose to counsel in the securities litigation and broker-dealer defense group.

During the financial crisis, she was seconded to Morgan Stanley to assist their regulatory inquiries team. With this depth of experience, in 2011, she left private practice and joined Palladium Equity Partners, LLC as general counsel and chief compliance officer.

"I wouldn't have had this opportunity, this career path, without the support that St. John's Law gave me," Cesar-Fabian says. "Knowing that I could pursue my studies and start a family without being hamstrung by debt gave me peace of mind and a boost in confidence."

At Palladium—a private equity firm that invests primarily in founder-owned businesses in the US middle market—Cesar-Fabian enjoys her work in the fast-paced regulatory environment. "Palladium is dedicated to doing business the right way," she says. "There is also a true commitment to diversity here, and a wonderful spectrum of voices in our workforce and in our client base, which I love."

Cesar-Fabian is grateful for, and regularly draws on, "the fundamentals of the law" that she learned at St. John's. And she is happy to maintain strong ties to *alma mater*. "Hearing from St. John's Law students is a pleasure for me," she says. "We're all in this career together and, like so many St. John's alumni, I'm here to help. The connection endures."

1938



**MARKING A MILESTONE**

Retired Queens practitioner **Theodore Zoob '38** has been an avid tennis player his entire life. The onetime winner of the Campbell Soup USTA 90-and-Over Hard Court Championships can now add another notable title to his list—*Centenarian*. Zoob turned 100 in November.

1954



In October the *New York Law Journal* honored **Roy L. Reardon**, a partner at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP, as one of its 2014 Lawyers Who Lead by Example. He

also earned a Lifetime Achievement Award for his 60 years as a respected litigator and appellate attorney.

1964

The Brooklyn Bar Association presented **Bartholomew M. Verdirame** with the Hon. Anthony J. Cutrona Award for excellence in the science of jurisprudence and the promotion of Italian-American culture in the legal community.

1966

**Hon. George Marlow** received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Justice Brandeis Law Society.

**Alan Silverman** is retired and resides with his wife, Judi, in South Haven, MI where he serves a number of municipal agencies and non-profits.

1967

**William C. Fox** has been named chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

1970



**Gary Lawson**, a partner at Strasburger & Price, LLP, has established, counseled, and served numerous nonprofits, including MediSend International, Snowball Express, and America's Huey 091 Foundation. He has been recognized for his contribution to the US military, disabled service members, and the families of military killed while serving our nation, and is an honorary member of the 160th Special Aviation Army Regiment ("Nightstalkers") at Fort Campbell, KY.

1972



**Thomas J. Killeen**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was elected to the board of directors of the Maurer Foundation.

1973

*Billboard Magazine* named **Bob Donnelly** one of the top 50 entertainment lawyers in the music industry. He has been a music attorney since 1976 and has earned 40 platinum record plaques.

**Hon. Nicholas C. Maselli** was re-elected as Mount Pleasant Town Justice.

1974

**Terrance J. Nolan** has been named general counsel of New York University.

1975

**Hon. P. Kevin Castel**, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, delivered remarks at a November Federal Bar Council event celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Federal District Court in New York.

1977



In October the *New York Law Journal* honored **Judy Harris Kluger**, executive director at Sanctuary for Families, as one of its 2014 Lawyers Who Lead By Example. She also earned a Public Service Award in recognition of a successful career that took her from the Brooklyn

District Attorney's Office to the New York State courts, where she served as a judge and court administrator.

**Victor J. Rocco** has joined Herrick Feinstein LLP as chairman of the firm's white collar defense and investigations practice.

1980



**Alan J. Schwartz** has been appointed to the advisory council of the Art League of Long Island. He was also elected president of the Accountant Attorney Networking Group.

1981



**Charlotte A. Biblow**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., received the *Long Island Business News* Leadership in Law Award.

1982

A recent *Corporate Counsel* story featured **Neil Abrams**, assistant general counsel at IBM, who led a team that earned international recognition for reducing complex contracts for cloud services to a simple, two-page document.

1983



**Joseph B. Giminaro** has been named a partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, where he manages the firm's tax certiorari practice group.



**Mary Kay Vyskocil**, a senior litigation partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, was selected as a candidate to fill a vacancy on the New York State Court of Appeals.

1984



**Robert J. Gunther, Jr.**, a partner in WilmerHale's litigation/controversy department and a member of the intellectual property litigation group, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**Christopher Keegan** has joined Beecher Carlson Insurance Services LLC as head of their cyber liability practice. In this new role, he will expand the company's capabilities in cyber liability and technology risk products.

**Dori A. Kuchinsky** is assistant general counsel for litigation and global privacy at W.R. Grace, where she handles a broad range of litigation matters and is responsible for the creation and implementation of its e-discovery compliance program.

1985



**James M. Wicks**, a partner in the commercial litigation department at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was appointed chair of the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York's Civil

Litigation Committee.



**CLASS OF 1985 MINI REUNION**

The old study group of **Elisa D. Garcia C., Helen Drescher Stein, Gail Lolis, and Pia Rivero** got together recently in Palm Beach. They were joined by their classmate, and Garcia's husband, **John Hasluck**.

1986

**Hon. Janine A. Barbera-Dalli** is a Suffolk County District Court judge.

**Maureen McCormick** has been appointed executive assistant district attorney in charge of intergovernmental relations in the Nassau County District Attorney's Office.

1987

Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin appointed **Nancy Waples** to serve on the Vermont Superior Court.

The 2015 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* named

**Michael B. Zerres**, a principal at Blume Donnelly Fried Forte Zerres & Molinari P.C., Lawyer of the Year for plaintiff medical malpractice law in the Newark, N.J. metropolitan area.

1989

**Scott Baron**, of Scott Baron & Associates, P.C., has been appointed deputy counsel to the president of the New York State Court Officers Association.

**Hon. Michael Meyerson** serves as the Village of Atlantic Beach Village Justice. He and classmate Patrick Bisogno are partners at Bisogno & Meyerson, LLP.



**Ruth O'Connor** has joined McGlinchey Stafford PLLC as of counsel. She represents mortgage lenders, servicers, and other financial services institutions in consumer

financial litigation, real estate litigation, and general commercial litigation.

1991



*Long Island Business News* presented **Roy W. Breitenbach**, a partner at Garfunkel Wild, P.C., with its Around 50 Award, which recognizes professionals

dedicated to the success of companies and organizations on Long Island and to the wellbeing of their local communities.

**Maria J. D'Avanzo** was appointed chief ethics officer at Cushman & Wakefield.

**Cynthia Licul**, senior legal advisor and head of the corporate and institutional law practice group at the United Nations Development Programme, has opened the restaurant Via Vai in Astoria, N.Y. with chef-husband Antonio Morichini.



**William ("Bill") Wilson**, a partner at Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass, co-wrote *New Jersey Insurance Coverage Litigation – 2015: A Practitioner's Guide*, which

has been published by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, a division of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He also writes at njinsuranceblog.com.

1992

**Glenn Katon**, legal director at Muslim Advocates, was quoted in the *New York Times* article "New York City Fights an Appeal by Muslims Who Say They Were Watched."

1993

**David Banks**, founder, president, and CEO of the Eagle Academy Foundation, has penned his first book, *Soar. How Boys Learn, Succeed and Develop Character*.



**Richard D. Cirincione** has been elected a managing principal of McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., where he oversees the firm's daily operations, finances, and strategic initiatives.

1994



Lawyers Alliance of New York presented its 2014 Cornerstone Award to **Carolyn Austin**, a partner at Arent Fox LLP. The award recognizes people and institutions that have made extraordinary contributions through *pro bono* legal services.

1995

**Hon. James P. Hoebich** has been appointed to serve as presiding municipal court judge for the City of New Brunswick, NJ.

**Gary S. Rosner**, a partner at Ritter Chusid, LLP, has been appointed to the City of Parkland Education Advisory Board.

1996



**Adam J. Gottlieb** has formed Adam J. Gottlieb, Attorney at Law, P.C., specializing in trusts and estates.

1997



**Elizabeth Tom Arce** was named partner at Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, where she specializes in labor and employment cases.

**Jazmine Estacio** is general counsel for Coach USA, which owns more than 20 companies that operate scheduled bus routes, motor coach tours, charters, and sightseeing tours throughout the United States and Canada.

**Monica McGinley** has been named the director in charge of investment adviser services at SDDCO Regulatory Services LLC.



**Michael J. Napoleone**, a partner at Richman Greer Professional Association, was included in the 2015 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

**1998**

The *New York Law Journal* recently featured a Q&A with **Donna Aldea**, who ended a 15-year career as a prosecutor in April 2013 to join Barket, Marion, Epstein & Kearon, LLP as head of appellate and post-conviction litigation.

**Dennis Kucica** has been named of counsel at Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP, where he works in the areas of trusts and estates planning, business succession planning, and elder care law.



A recent article in *The New Yorker*, "Before the Law," featured **Paul V. Prestia's** work representing a teen failed by the justice system.

**1999**



**Joseph V. Moreno**, special counsel in the white collar defense and investigations group at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, has been appointed as a consultant

to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he serves on the staff of the new FBI 9/11 Review Commission. He helps the commission evaluate the FBI's performance in addressing the threat of domestic and international terrorism.

**2000**



**Catia Lewin Kossovsky** has joined Tucker Arensberg, PC as an associate. She is a member of the firm's business and finance group and focuses in the areas of investment

management, commercial finance, corporate law, and mergers and acquisitions.

**Robert Langdon** has joined Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP as a partner in the firm's mergers and acquisition practice group.



**Jennifer Pagnillo** has been named a partner at Day Pitney and is co-chair of the firm's tax-exempt organizations and charitable giving group.

**2001**

**Isaac Torres** has been appointed vice president, assistant general counsel, and corporate secretary at Carver Federal Savings Bank. He is responsible for the legal, regulatory, compliance, and corporate governance functions of the bank.

**James M. Westerlind** was promoted to counsel at Arent Fox LLP, where he works in the firm's complex litigation practice.

**2002**

*Long Island Business News* has selected **Kathryn Carney Cole**, counsel in the commercial litigation department at Farrell Fritz, P.C., as a 40 Under 40 Award recipient for her leadership in business, support of Long Island's not-for-profit organizations, and commitment to the community.



**Jared A. Jacobson** has formed The Law Firm of Jacobson & Rooks, LLC, where he specializes in healthcare law, whistleblower/*Qui Tam* cases, and employment law matters.

**Hon. Adam Michelini** was elected county court judge for Washington County.

**Nishi Rajan** wrote and directed *The Rajah's Son & Princess Labam: An Indian Musical Fairytale*, which appeared at the Medicine Show Theater in New York.

**2004**

**Carolyn Caccese**, an associate at Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro, LLP, was named to the 2014 *New York Super Lawyers* Rising Star list. She concentrates her practice on medical malpractice cases, with a focus on nursing home incidents.

**Heather Harrison**, counsel at Farrell Fritz, P.C., received the *Long Island Business News* Counsel Award.

**Brant Hodyno** has joined the Law Office of Erik Severino, where he concentrates his practice on bankruptcy matters.

**Renee Freimuth** has joined the New York County Lawyers' Association as counsel.

**2005**

**Matthew Chase** has been promoted to counsel at Latham & Watkins LLP, where he is a member of the corporate department and the firm's investment funds practice group.

**Gary Falkowitz**, a managing attorney at Parker Waichman LLP, has been appointed a village prosecutor for the Village of East Hills, NY.



**Kent C. Kolbig** has been named a partner at Moses & Singer, LLP, where he works in the business reorganization, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, and corporate trust groups.

**Jennifer L. Naeger** is a shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. in the firm's litigation practice and is chair of the firm's food and beverage law practice group.

**Neil Smith** has been elected president of the Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association.

**John Wright** is a staff attorney at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

**2006**



**Randolph Adler** is the co-chair of Dentons' startup program and a member of the venture technology and emerging growth companies practice.

He represents companies in all stages of development, with a particular focus on founding entrepreneurs, startups, emerging growth companies, and small and mid-cap companies.

**Alexander W. Bogdan**, an associate at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, received a 2014 Cornerstone Award from the Lawyers Alliance of New York in recognition of extraordinary contributions he made through *pro bono* legal services.

**Jaclene D'Agostino**, an associate at Farrell Fritz, P.C., recently joined the business advisory council for the North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center.

**Todd Gardella** is a partner in the litigation practice group at Lazer Aptheker Rosella & Yedid, P.C.

**Victoria Stazio** has joined Fennemore Craig, P.C. as an associate practicing in health care litigation, professional liability, long-term care, and catastrophic injury defense.



**Kathryn M. Zunno** has been elected to partnership at BakerHostetler, where she is a member of the firm's litigation practice group.

## 2007

**Frank A. Cavanagh** has joined the US Department of Justice as a trial attorney in the antitrust division.



**Mitra Singh** has joined McGlinchey Stafford PLLC as an associate. He handles consumer financial services litigation, with an emphasis on contested mortgage foreclosures, bankruptcy, and real estate and title issues.

**Michael T. Stanczyk** has joined Centolella Lynn D'Elia & Ternes, LLC as a member, practicing in the areas of business, commercial real estate, economic development, tax, and healthcare law.

## 2008



**Jessica Baquet** is a partner in the litigation practice group at Jaspán Schlesinger, LLP.

**Andrew Smith** has been promoted to assistant athletic director at Fordham University.

## 2009

**Carl Falotico** has been promoted to corporation counsel for the City of Schenectady, N.Y.

**Paul Pagano** has joined the litigation practice group of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP as an associate.

## 2010

**Marc Dombrowski** wrote and produced the play *Moldavia-on-Hudson*, a Halloween-time comedy that was presented at the Roy Arias Stage II in New York.

**Martin Sigal** is an associate in-house counsel at Sol Goldman Investments.



**Arshia Hourizadeh** is an associate at Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP.

## 2011

**Jeannie Elie** has joined JP Morgan Chase, where she works in their anti-money laundering division.



The Portland City Council has appointed **Kiosha Ford** to its Citizen Review Committee.

**Sam Sroka** is an associate at Borah Goldstein Altschuler Nahins & Goidel, P.C., where his practice focuses on real estate tax and commercial litigation.

## 2012



**Farrell J. Miller** is an associate at Sepe & O'Mahony, PLLC.

**Chris Rubino** is an associate at Thompson Burton PLLC. His practice focuses primarily on commercial real estate.

## 2013

**Natalie Elisha** has been named a partner at Rubinstein & Elisha, PLLC, where she concentrates her practice on estate planning.

**Ian Hayes** has joined Creighton, Johnsen & Giroux as an associate.

**Daniel A. Noste** is associate general counsel and assistant vice president at Banco Santander International.

**Ethan Smith** is an agency attorney at the NYC Human Resources Administration's Office of Legal Affairs.

## 2014

**Yekaterina Berkovich** is an associate at London Fischer LLP.

**Michael J. Molina** was sworn in as an assistant district attorney in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

In a November story, the *Business Insider* profiled the career path of military veteran and newly minted assistant district attorney **Jonathan K. Yi**.

**Jordan Kaufmann, Andrew Lee, Meredith Masciotti, William Porter, and Maria Stavrakis** have joined the Bronx District Attorney's office as assistant district attorneys.

**Edwar Estrada, Angelie Thomas, Andrew Vigliotta** have joined the New York City Law Department as assistant corporation counsels and **Karina Jockers** has joined as a post-graduate fellow.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown has appointed **Joseph P. Donnelly IV, Sonia A. Kaczmarzyk, Gregory M. Lasak, Erik Snipas, Brenna R. Strype and Jonathan K. Yi** assistant district attorneys.

## Marriages

**Christopher Carl Holtz '11** and Rebecca Marian Gadzuk

**Francis J. Longobardi '05** and Valerie Hope Tocci

**Mark Mascolo '08** and Dina Faiella

**David Charles Pilato '06** and Lindsay Ann Weaver

**Rachel Roseman '11** and **Daniel Merker '11**

**Christine Sammarco '09** and Corey McIntyre

## Births

**Amy Amell '14**, husband Dr. Fredrik Amell, and big sister Madeleine welcomed Henrik Amell in November 2014.

**Louis J. Bara '06** and wife Andrea welcomed Louis in November 2014.

**Richard Berrios '14** and wife Michelle welcomed Zara Solisbel in August 2014.

**Matthew F. Didora '04**, wife Jamie, and big brother Matthew welcomed Dylan in October 2014.

**Kristin Roschelli '10** and husband Matthew Nicklous welcomed Marcella Grace in September 2014.

**We'd like to hear from you! Please send your Class Notes submissions to Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations Claire C. McKeever '80SVC, '93L at [mckeevec@stjohns.edu](mailto:mckeevec@stjohns.edu).**

## IN MEMORIAM

Perez Rosenthal '37  
Pearl B. Corrado '43  
Charles Zwirn '46  
Hon. Louis Fusco '47  
Robert R. Caputi '48  
Andrew L. Hughes '48  
William J. St. John '48  
George J. Calimafde '49  
A. Charles D'Agostino '50  
Raymond J. Ellmer '51  
Edward J. Ledogar '52

Billy B. Olive '53  
John T. Redmond '53  
William M. Spanakos '53  
Hon. Mario M. Cuomo '56  
Norman B. Bardales '58  
Edward P. Donnellan '58  
Nicholas A. Cassas '59  
Ernest J. Peace '59  
John Leonard McCarthy '60  
Richard J. Power '60  
Peter J. Thumser '61

John J. Palmeri '64  
John J. McCabe '66  
James Robert Miller '68  
Thomas J. Martin '69  
Walter Patrick Connery '72  
Ronald J. Morelli '73  
Steven Zuntag '73  
Stephen J. McGrath '74  
Robert W. DeVerna '75  
Ralph Gansell '75  
Kevin Kearney '77

Hon. John B. Pessala '78  
Daniel T. McCarthy '79  
William Tendy '79  
Edward D. Wilford '81  
Charles J. Ordine '82  
Barbara A. Ohlig '82  
Robert J. Bennett '85  
Ann Marie Clemente '87  
Christopher Dorman '87  
William Colomba Clyne '90  
Charlie Gambino '97

### David D. Siegel '58



St. John's mourns the loss of **David D. Siegel '58**, who taught on the Law School's full-time faculty and as a visiting professor. Most recently, he was Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Albany Law School. A giant in New York civil practice and procedure, Professor Siegel was the author of many works of legal commentary on New York law, including the

treatise *New York Practice*, now in its 5th edition, and the *Practice Commentaries on the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules in McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York*. He will be greatly missed by the bench, bar, and academy, all of whom were his "students."

### Hon. Franklin W. Morton, Jr., '48, '85HON



St. John's Law mourns the passing of former New York State Supreme Court Justice **Hon. Franklin W. Morton, Jr.** After serving with the US Army during World War II, he became the first African-American to hold national office with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worked as a prosecutor before starting his long career on the bench. As a dedicated alumnus, he served on the St. John's Law Alumni Association Board of Directors and, later, on the St. John's University Board of Trustees. St. John's honored him with an honorary degree in 1985, and in 1998 he received its highest recognition, the Medal of Honor.

### Lorraine Rittenberg '92HON

The St. John's Law community remembers **Lorraine Rittenberg '92HON**, wife of the late Bernard Rittenberg '88HON, and mother of Suzanne Dyer '88. She and her husband were successful business pioneers in China. An enduring example of their generous spirit is the Law School's Rittenberg Library, where their portrait hangs today. As noted when she received her honorary degree from St. John's in 1992, Lorraine Rittenberg leaves an indelible legacy as a woman who lived a full and fulfilling life and who, "like the Lady of Proverbs," reached her hands to the poor and extended her arms to the needy.



## It's Never too Early to Make a Plan

*"St. John's Law is a real family atmosphere. These are people you grow up with, grow old with, and can count on. I value my legal education, and planned giving ensures that I can help future generations of St. John's students have the same great opportunity I had."*

—Daniel Scanlon '83C, '87L

Like Dan from the Class of 1987, many alumni include St. John's Law in their estate plans.

To learn more about your planned giving options, please contact Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations Brian J. Woods at (718) 990-5792 or [brian.woods@stjohns.edu](mailto:brian.woods@stjohns.edu).

**Thank you!**



Of some 80 practitioners inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers at the 2012 Annual Dinner, only two were from New York City: St. John's Law graduates George R. Goltzer '72 and Nicholas M. Cannella '75 (pictured front row center).

# Sages of Their Craft

## St. John's Law Alumni Raise the Bar as Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers

**A**tticus Finch. Frank Galvin. Perry Mason. Jack McCoy. Patty Hewes. In the world according to Hollywood, much of the business of law takes place in a courtroom. But, in reality, trial lawyers—those who devote their practice to trying cases before judges and juries—are just a small subset of the practicing bar.

And some of the most accomplished members of this relatively small group can be found in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Since its start in 1950, the College has inducted a select few US and Canadian practitioners as Fellows. Active trial lawyers for at least 15 years, these men and women come from all corners of the criminal and civil bar to try a range of cases.

There are about 6,000 current College members, a number that amounts to less than one percent of the trial bar in North America. It's an elite fellowship that includes all the justices of the US Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Canada. It also includes 15 St. John's Law alumni.

They share an honor that comes by invitation only, and only after a thorough investigation confirms that they meet the highest standards of courtroom skill, professionalism, ethics, and civility. "It's gratifying to know that co-counsel, adversaries, and courts alike respect your professionalism and competence," says Nicholas M. Cannella '75, a partner at Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto who was inducted into the College in 2012. But this isn't just another bar association, Cannella notes. "This is a group of very nice, very

accomplished, and very interesting people. It's not about marketing. It's about friendship and collegiality." It's also a group that is committed to improving and elevating trial practice and the administration of justice. To meet this mission, the College develops trial advocacy guides and materials for practitioners and law students and works to promote trial ethics.

### ST. JOHN'S LAW ACTL FELLOWS

- Peter T. Affatato '49**
- Emmet J. Agolia '58**
- George N. Arvanitis '53**
- Nicholas M. Cannella '75**
- William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. '77SVC, '80L**
- Ronald P. Fischetti '57C, '61L**
- George R. Goltzer '72**
- Robert J. Gunther, Jr. '81C, '84L**
- John J. Houlihan, Jr. '80**
- Shawn P. Kelly '77**
- Patricia A. Lynn-Ford '85**
- Henry G. Miller '52C, '59L**
- Roy L. Reardon '54, '00HON**
- Philip G. Spellane '81**
- David Parker Weeks '82**

WilmerHale partner Robert J. Gunther, Jr. '81C, '84L, who was inducted in 2014, is proud to be part of the College. "One can only look at the list of Fellows from New York City—great trial lawyers like Simon Rifkind, Leon Silverman, Bob Fiske, and St. John's own Roy Reardon—and feel humbled to be included in this distinguished organization," he shares.

Henry G. Miller '52C, '59L, a partner at Clark, Gagliardi & Miller, P.C. who has been

a Fellow since 1975, also has high praise for this unique association. "It's been a wonderful experience," he says. "I was honored to be a regent of the College from 1988 to 1992, and witnessed first-hand how truly dedicated the College is to identifying new members of top caliber."

Patricia A. Lynn-Ford '85, a partner at the Lynn Law Firm, LLP, enjoys a leadership role in the College. "I've been a Fellow since 2003," she says. "I'm now the chair of the Upstate New York Region. It's been an honor and a privilege to be a member of an organization with such talented and well-respected colleagues. The collegiality associated with membership, and the opportunity to get to know members from across the United States and Canada, has reaffirmed my faith in the profession."

Many Fellows, like William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. '77SVC, '80L, co-chair of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, count the induction ceremony and admission to the College as highpoints in their already exceptional careers. "To be included among some of the litigators I admired most as a young lawyer, both for their skills as courtroom advocates and their personal integrity, is an honor," he says. "My former partner, the late Harold R. Tyler, Jr., and my current partner, Greg Diskant, were elected as Fellows. Working closely with them over the years, I've seen how they exemplify the highest ideals of the College and the legal profession. To have my name appear on a roster of lawyers that includes the two of them, as well as so many other lawyers of distinction, is something I'll continue to cherish."



## Mission Driven

# Students in the Child Advocacy Clinic Help Children Fight Deportation

**A**s widely reported, in the last year, tens of thousands of unaccompanied children have entered the United States illegally from Central America. Most are fleeing poverty, domestic abuse, gang violence, and other hardships in their native countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Once apprehended at the US border, the minors are placed in detention facilities temporarily while the Office of Refugee Resettlement at the US Department of Health and Human Services tries to reunite them with family members or other sponsors around the country. Under this system, thousands of children have come to New York for deportation proceedings.

The typical deportation case can take four to six months to come before a judge. But the surge of cases involving unaccompanied Central American children is subject to an Obama administration mandate to hold an initial hearing within 21 days from the filing of

a deportation order. In New York, cases on this “rocket docket” are heard in the immigration court at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan.

Recognizing that most of these child-respondents lack the resources needed to navigate a complicated immigration system on their own, legal service organizations, lawyers, and others have answered the call to provide *pro bono* representation and assistance. This support net includes the Child Advocacy Clinic at St. John’s Law, which receives cases from the Safe Passage Project at New York Law School and through the Refugee and Immigrant Rights Litigation Clinic run in partnership with Catholic Charities at St. John’s.

“This is a humanitarian crisis,” says Jennifer Baum, director of the Child Advocacy Clinic. “Our clinic represents children whose repatriation would place them at risk of abuse, neglect, or abandonment in their home country. Pursuing an avenue for immigration relief called Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for the children, our students gain real world litigation skills and experience

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the sobering responsibility of pursuing the legal rights of at-risk children. Without the clinic students, these unaccompanied minors wouldn't have lawyers, because there is no right to counsel in immigration proceedings.”

The St. John's students found the experience eye-opening and formative. “Before I began working on our clinic cases, I knew about the influx of immigrant children coming to the United States and the controversy that surrounded it,” says Amanda Carter '16. “But I had no idea what the children went through to get here, or how complicated the process of keeping them here can be. From the very beginning we had to learn about this process and prepare for guardianship hearings, which included getting our client and his family fingerprinted, conducting numerous interviews, drafting affidavits, and serving family members in El Salvador.”

For Shane Granberg '16, all the hard work was well worth the effort. “I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the clinic,” he shares. “My team had three clients, and we did our best to help them every step of the way through the twists and turns of the legal process. We represented them in family court and in immigration court, in Manhattan, Queens, and Nassau County. In fact, one of our clients just had a successful outcome in court, so he's one step closer to gaining his green card.”

As they advocated for their young clients, the student clinicians also learned to navigate the challenges of representing society's



Student Clinicians Visit the Children's Village.

most vulnerable. “I think the biggest challenge for me was dealing with my clients' fear of the courts,” Chanel Smith '16 says. “They had heard so many negative things about what happens to undocumented children, so at first they were scared and not as open with us as they could be. But by talking with them and their family, we were able to reassure them and make them more comfortable with us and the court process.”

Stating that the children represented by the clinic “all need a fighting chance,” student clinician Makoussé Ilboudo '16 describes the cross-border journey that her clients endured as “inhumane” at times. By sharp contrast, her recent visit—with other students from the clinic—to the Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, NY offered an uplifting view of the temporary care the children receive

while awaiting more long-term family or foster placements. “The grounds are on many well-kept acres where the children live in comfortable cottages, receive medical attention, and go to school,” she explains, adding, “They even take trips to cultural sites in New York City and have birthday parties.”

Ilboudo, who wants to be an immigration lawyer, chose St. John's because of its clinical legal education program. And she recognizes the valuable, hands-on experience she has gained through the Child Advocacy Clinic. “Over the course of the semester, I worked with translators and obtained documents and evidence from Central America,” she says. “I conducted emotional interviews with children and their caregivers, and I appeared before a judge in immigration court. I can't think of a richer or more rewarding opportunity.”

## St. John's Announces Immigration Law Post-Graduate Fellowship

Through a generous gift from the Olive L. Reedy Trust—facilitated by its trustees, including John P. Clarke '55CBA, '57L—the Law School has established the Immigration Law Post-graduate Fellowship at Catholic Migration Services (CMS). CMS is a New York not-for-profit committed to empowering underserved immigrant communities in Brooklyn and Queens.

Selected annually from a competitive pool of graduating St. John's Law students, the Fellow will work full-time at CMS for one year. She or he will provide legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees through the Bread and Life Immigration Clinic in Bedford-Stuyvesant, while also assisting CMS' larger clientele throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens.

“The Immigration Law Post-graduate Fellowship fortifies a critical source of legal assistance for low-income New Yorkers, and deepens our commitment to carrying out St. John's Vincentian mission,” says Dean Michael A. Simons. “It also offers our graduates an invaluable opportunity to gain practical skills and experience while serving the common good.”

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19

**academic centers and clinics** provide dynamic forums for exploring legal issues of the day and gaining practical experience

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for **bar exam passage** in New York, just behind NYU, Columbia, and Cornell, on the July 2014 exam

58

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of 1Ls learn the basics of negotiation, counseling, and interviewing in the new intercession **Lawyering** course

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8%

**dramatic increase** in employment for the class of 2013 over 2012

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**new intercession courses** teach students essential practice skills in an intensive format

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law schools in New York where **applications increased** for the entering class of 2014

# ON THE RISE



L-R: Robert Lipps, Steve Zelin, Marc Riccio, and David Blitzer

Marc Riccio '98

## An Accidental Entrepreneur Hits His Stride

It's been almost 20 years since B. Joseph Pine II and James H. Gilmore welcomed us to the new *Experience Economy*, where every company is in the business of selling engaging experiences. As they explained in the July 1998 issue of the *Harvard Business Review*: "An experience occurs when a company intentionally uses services as the stage, and goods as props, to engage individual customers in a way that creates a memorable event."

Today—with 24/7 connectivity and the information overload that comes with it—people still crave experiences, but not the one-size-fits-all variety. Instead, they're looking for more customized experiences that help them explore and express who they are and what is important to them. In 2015, the Experience Economy has met the Age of Personalization. And as Marc Riccio '98 sees it, this meeting has created some fertile ground for growing a business.

Riccio is president and CEO of LXL Sports & Lifestyle Entertainment, a company on "a mission to fulfill dreams and aspirations through luxury sports and lifestyle entertainment experiences." LXL serves an elite business clientele, who purchase an annual membership

that gives them access to a variety of sporting, entertainment, culinary, and fashion events. All of these curated experiences are specially designed to help members forge and strengthen business relationships. To keep the experiences intimate and to encourage mixing and mingling, LXL limits the number of guests in each member party. "People will pay a premium if they get a premium value in return," Riccio notes.

By his own account, Riccio is an "accidental entrepreneur." Raised in New York's Finger Lakes region, he came downstate to play lacrosse at Hofstra University. After earning a B.A. in communications, he stayed on at Hofstra to get his M.B.A. in marketing and to start a career in marketing and athletic advancement there.

While working at Hofstra, Riccio enrolled in the evening program at St. John's Law. "Law school was a great experience for me," he says. "I always had an interest in the field, and I knew that a law degree would give me a significant edge in my career, since I dealt with so many legal issues related to the business of pro sports."

Two years later, Riccio took the next step on his professional path when he accepted a job with the New York Jets.

Over the next 17 years—as the sports industry continued to evolve—he handled all aspects of team and stadium business affairs and overall strategic planning. "I was very fortunate to grow as the organization grew," he says.

Having honed a range of skills and expertise in business and law, in 2013, Riccio decided it was time to explore new opportunities and parted with the Jets on very good terms. At the time of his departure, he was the longest-tenured employee on the business side of the organization.

It wasn't long before he met with LXL founders David Blitzer, Robert Lipps, and Steve Zelin—all successful businessmen—and joined their new venture. "What you do is important, who you do it with is far more important," says Riccio.

Since then, he has spent most of his time building relationships with clients and strategic partners. "You've got to be out there every day," he says. "There's no special formula. It's all about communicating and listening—a lot of listening." So far, this approach is paying off. "There are challenges and there's no safety net," Riccio shares. "But I love putting on a great experience and watching people's surprise and delight. That's meaningful."

# New York's Bravest and Finest

FIND COMMON GROUND AT  
ST. JOHN'S LAW

**M**ost New Yorkers can tell you a thing or two about the longtime rivalry between New York City's police and fire departments. Each year, across a range of competitions, the NYPD and FDNY go head to head—for charity and bragging rights—in a 'Battle of the Badges.'

Despite what goes on outside its four walls, inside St. John's Law, New York's Bravest and New York's Finest find common ground.

Recalling his first weeks as a student in the Law School's evening program, Denis Sweeney '15 says it didn't take long for him to forge a friendship with classmate Daniel Gallagher '15. Gallagher is a 16-year veteran of the NYPD, where he is a lieutenant assigned to the Legal Bureau. With 10 years on the FDNY, Sweeney is a lieutenant with Ladder 35 on Manhattan's Upper West Side. "It was clear from the start that Dan and I have a lot in common," says Sweeney. "We're both older students committed to our careers serving New York City, and we're both serious about our studies."

Gallagher joined the NYPD soon after college, but always wanted to go to law school. "After years of talk, I made a New Year's resolution to take the LSAT in 2009," he says. "And once I started the process,



Daniel  
Gallagher



Denis  
Sweeney

it just kept moving me forward." Catholic values, proximity to his young family, and the school's strong reputation drew him to St. John's Law, where he has had an "outstanding experience" while excelling academically and taking on student leadership roles. "Working full-time and going to school is a delicate balancing act, and a kinship forms between people trying to do that successfully," Gallagher shares. "Plus I think that St. John's attracts genuinely nice people."

Among them, Gallagher says, is his friend Denis Sweeney. "Denis and I have definitely developed a special camaraderie," he says. "We've had lots of classes together and enjoy a light-hearted rivalry. Our classmates include other police officers and court officers. We all have real world

experience that some of the younger students lack, so connections develop because of that."

Returning to school after a nine-year hiatus, Sweeney says he felt "very welcome" at St. John's Law, which has a proud tradition of educating police officers, fire fighters, and others who serve and protect their communities. And he has excelled as a student, earning membership on the *St. John's Law Review*. "I see my law degree as a way of giving back," he says, noting that he hopes to use his legal training

to "support the FDNY, the Catholic Church, or New York City."

As he looks ahead to graduation this spring, Gallagher gives his wife and three children all the credit for his success at St. John's. "More than any work or school accomplishments, the thing I'm most proud of is my family," he says. He plans to work with the Legal Bureau for the remainder of his time with the NYPD. "The experience is invaluable and tailor-made for me," Gallagher says. "I get to practice law and still be a police officer."

He also wishes his friend well as they move on from St. John's. "Denis is an extremely smart and capable guy, and I know he will make an excellent attorney," says Gallagher. "But don't tell him I said that."

# Events Calendar

The St. John's Law Alumni Association hosts and participates in many events throughout the year. Below are highlights of upcoming events. Please visit our online event calendar at [stjohns.edu/law/events](http://stjohns.edu/law/events) for full event details and updates.

**May 4, 2015**

Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72, '07HON  
Memorial Golf Outing

Honorees:

Janet M. DiFiore '81  
Darryl Gibbs '00

**May 8, 2015**

Class Reunion 1975

**May 20, 2015**

Alumni Association  
General Meeting

**May 30, 2015**

Class Reunion 1965

**June 2, 2015**

Hon. John E. Sprizzo Reception

Honoree:

Hon. Loretta A. Preska

**June 7, 2015**

Law School Commencement

**June 10, 2015**

Brooklyn Chapter Spring Reception

**June 15, 2015**

Suffolk Chapter Golf Outing

**September 21, 2015**

Hon. Guy J. Mangano  
Golf Classic

**November 7-8, 2015**

Fall CLE Weekend

**November 13, 2015**

Class Reunion 1980, 1985,  
1990, 1995, 2000, 2005,  
and 2010

You are warmly invited to attend the  
St. John's Law Alumni Association's annual  
**Hon. John E. Sprizzo Reception**



**Tuesday, June 2, 2015  
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
United States Courthouse  
New York, NY**

**Dean Michael A. Simons  
will present the  
Hon. John E. Sprizzo  
Award to:  
Hon. Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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# We're Gearing up for Reunion 2015

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